



Interdependence Day 2011

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Interdependence Day Award 2011

Scranton, PA: The Greater Scranton Interdependence Day Committee announced that Rabbi Joseph Mendelson and his wife Linda Mendelsohn will receive the 2011 Interdependence Day Award.

Rose Mary Broderick, co-chairman Interdependence Day, stated that the purpose of the award is to provide a format to publicly recognize outstanding leadership and the contributions of individuals closely connected with Interdependence and its practice, to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of interdependence in our community.

Rabbi Joseph Mendelsohn, known as “Rabbi Joe”, started his career in the rabbinate in his 40’s. He brings to the table both the textual background of the rabbinate and the practical experience of being an adult in the “real world.” Currently rabbi of Temple Israel in Scranton, “Rabbi Joe” is involved in all aspects of leading and caring for his congregation, and is

- President of the Scranton Area Ministerium – The association of clergy serving the greater Scranton area
- Past-President of the Martin Luther King Commission
- On the board of various community organizations designed to promote the health and welfare of all walks of life
 - Vice-President of the Northeastern Pennsylvania End of Life Coalition
 - President of The American Cancer Society’s Lackawanna County branch
 - Interdependence Day
 - Lackawanna County Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
 - Scranton Reads
 - United Nations Association
 - United Way
- A volunteer chaplain for the Pennsylvania State Police
- Serves on Lackawanna County’s Emergency Management Agency

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