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**Rabbi Lawrence Englander: Kinsmen's top choice**

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# Busy rabbi named man of the year

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Rabbi Lawrence Englander of the Solel Congregation on Folkway Drive has been declared Citizen of the Year by the Kinsmen Club of Erin Mills.

Englander was praised for his success in running Mississauga's only synagogue since 1979 and his part in the Mississauga evacuation.

The 31-year-old Englander organized drivers to evacuate families, helped evacuate the Sheridan Villa senior citizen home, contacted his congregation of 130 families to make sure they had places to stay, opened the synagogue to residents and placed himself on call for the Red Cross.

Englander is a representative on the Task Force on Human Relations, chaplain to Mississauga Hospital, Maple Hurst Correctional Centre and Syl Apps Youth Centre.

As a teacher, Englander has instructed Adult Education courses and seminars at both separate and public school boards.

He also conducts special services for children. He accompanies his services with his guitar.

Englander and his wife Cheryl will be presented with the Citizen of the Year award at a dinner April 14.