

11th Annual Unity and Community Brunch and Award Ceremony

Please join us as we honor

Joan, z"l and Chuck Whitehill

with the Unity and Community Award

LIGHTING THE MENORAH SPREADING OUR LIGHT



Honoring your role in our lives ...



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WELCOME LETTER FROM CO-CHAIRS

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Unity and Community Award Celebration.

This year's theme is "Lighting the Menorah, Spreading Our Light." Appropriate as this theme may be for Hanukkah, it is equally appropriate for these times. Many throughout our country feel a pallor of darkness. The pandemic has taken a toll not only with 700,000 deaths but, also, through disharmony, division, anger and frustration. These are times when we all need light and the realization that we can light the menorah and shed light on the darkness to make the world better.

That vision is also the reason why, each year since 2010, Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue has given the Unity and Community Award to noteworthy leaders who spread light and cause unity to happen.

The proceeds from the Award brunch go to support the unity and community mission of Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue. As part of this mission, this Modern Orthodox synagogue works with all Jewish denominations and their rabbis, interfaces at events with the general non-Jewish community and its clergy, has instituted expansive and inclusive roles for women, and brings in prominent speakers who unite the community through their compelling topics.

Joan z"l and Chuck Whitehill have been role models for bridging differences by spreading light to diminish darkness. Whether through prominent roles in jurisprudence, Jewish communal life and leadership, Jewish-interfaith relations and dialogue or by unifying and inspiring a wide circle of friends, the Whitehill's have led and inspired with their light.

During Joan's z"l long battle with Parkinson's Disease, the Whitehill's inspired and spread their light again. Under daunting circumstances, they welcomed friends into their home to see their love and caring on full display. Friends, in turn, gave back through support, food, donations and prayers, spreading a layer of unity, community, love and light onto the tragic circumstances that were part of the Whitehill's lives.

This event is a celebration of the light and love that Joan z"l and Chuck shared, that continues to inspire with its after-glow, and that brought so many people together (as part of their Mitzvah Corps) in countless acts of kindness.

Thank you for joining us to remember Joan z"l, to honor Chuck, and to honor the continuing legacy of light and love that this wonderful couple has created through the years.

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Yehuda Appel
Anne Bloomberg
Dick Bogomolny
Barry Feldman
William K. Lieberman
Deb Rothschild
Muriel Weber

UNITY AND COMMUNITY WINDOWS

Dear Friends,

We are incredibly excited to celebrate with you the 11th annual presentation of Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue's Unity and Community Award. We look forward to an inspiring program as we recognize the achievements of our honorees and celebrate our synagogue's role in the wider community.

Unity and Community are at the core of Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue's mission. We are a diverse, intergenerational synagogue that welcomes members from a range of backgrounds and observance levels. Through innovative and inclusive programming, we strive to serve the broader community and overcome divisions. The current polarized climate has made our commitment to unity both more challenging and highlighted its importance.

We have the distinct privilege to pay tribute to two remarkable leaders in our community, Joan z"l and Chuck Whitehill. Joan and Chuck embody the values of unity and community. Their leadership and philanthropic efforts have had a wide-ranging impact on the Jewish community and on the wider Cleveland community. Chuck has served on the board of Friendship Circle, is a member of the JNF's Northern Ohio Board of Directors and co-chairs the board of the Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry.

In these challenging times, we hope you will be able to take inspiration from the achievement and work of our honorees.



Rabbi Noah Leavitt

Senior Rabbi

Oheb Zedek - Cedar Sinai Synagogue

TODAH RABAH

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Rena and Dr. Barry Sogoloff
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Neil Waxman
Muriel Weber
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Ellen Whitehill
Dorie Whitehill
Roelie and Bobby Whitehill
Trish and John Whitehill
Rob Whitehill
Ria Whitehill
Maddy Whitehill
Warren Wolfson
Joan and Ike Yedid
Dan Zelman
Bob Zelwin
Sandy Zieve
"Sandy" the Dog

Thank you for your love and kindness!

*In Formation



Joan Bloomberg z”l and her sister Anne were raised in Shaker Heights by their parents Ed and Jane Bloomberg. Joan’s loving family includes her son Ken and grandson Fred.

Joan attended Laurel and Shaker Heights High and then Wheaton College in Norton, MA. She received her JD from Cleveland Marshall and practiced family law for over 25 years.

Joan and Chuck met at Federation’s Super Sunday, and were married in Israel, with the ceremony attended by Joan’s Wexner graduation class.

Joan ran for judge of Shaker Heights Municipal Court, and her loss was the community’s gain. She joined JNF, Israel Bonds, Cleveland Jewish News and AFMDA, among other Cleveland Jewish organizations that benefited from her wisdom and her wide network of associations.

She contracted Parkinson’s in 2001 and passed away in 2020, after a brave and difficult battle. She is buried in Westshore Cemetery in Pittsburgh, next to Chuck’s dad.

Chuck is from Pittsburgh, where his two brothers still reside. Chuck attended Shady Side Academy and the University of Miami.

Chuck worked in his family’s furniture business from 1972-1982. He then moved to Cleveland, joining Ashley Furniture as a senior marketing specialist. He retired in 2010 to take care of Joan.





No biography can capture the love, respect devotion and commitment in a lifelong relationship.

However, Joan and I were blessed to find our soul mates and together we made a difference in our family, our community, and our world.

Thanks to each of you for your beautiful role in our lives. Through our best times and our worst times, you were there for us.

Today's event is a small token of our gratitude.

Blessings to you and your families.

Chuck



PROGRAMMING



Dinner at the Leavitts' home



At Shaker Rocks with Rabbi Noah and Dr. Chaya Leavitt



Purim Party at the shul



Card making for Shalach Manot packages for our senior members



Making High Holiday cards for our senior members



Class with Rabbi Noah Leavitt



Tisha B'av night at the Smiths' home



Kumzitz and Selichot at the rabbi's home



Holocaust Survivors' Tribute Weekend with guest speaker, Dr. Oleg Ivanov



Hoshana Rabba davening at the shul



Morning Minyan in the tent



Gala Herring kiddush on Hoshana Rabba

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to all those who contributed to pay tribute to*

JOAN, Z”L AND CHUCK WHITEHILL

**CHUCK, YOU AND JOAN Z”L
HAVE INSPIRED ALL OF US!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

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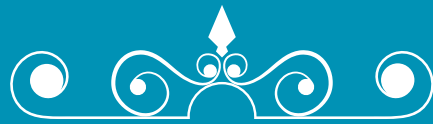
*The Unity and Community
Windows at Oheb Zedek-
Cedar Sinai Synagogue*

represent the diverse story of Jewish Cleveland, from immigration, to the vision of the Statue of Liberty, to the establishment of banner institutions such as Menorah Park, the JCC, Federation, The Temple Tifereth Israel, other religious institutions, Warrensville Center Synagogue and now Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue.

All are represented in these Unity and Community Windows.



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Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue expresses
appreciation to

Stanley Knapp

and

Frances Senser

for their generous contributions to the
synagogue, its Unity and Community Mission,
and this event.

Like the Whitehill's, Stanley and Frances,
who also just dedicated
Hebrew Academy's Early Childhood Building,
continue to spread their light and love
throughout the community.



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*The Hanukkah menorah beckons all of us to do our part
to spread light in the world*

Joan z"l and Chuck Whitehill

*have been light-spreaders
throughout our community and beyond.*

*Congratulations on receiving
the Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue's
Unity and Community Award!*

Milt and Tamar Maltz

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Mazel Tov to

Joan z"l and Chuck

It was a privilege to witness your love
and devotion to each other for over 25 years.

May the light you inspire continue
to shine brightly in the community!

Love,
Muriel

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Sending love
and Mazel Tov
to lifelong friends

Joan z"l and Chuck Whitehill

Congratulations from....

Ruthie and Scott Apter

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Mazel Tov to
Joan z"l
and
Chuck

Thank you for all you do
for the State of Israel
and the Cleveland Community...

Bill and Lieba Rudolph



The Biblical model of *chesed* is our Forefather Avrohom. The Cleveland community merits to have the modern-day poster boy of *chesed* - Chuck Whitehill - living in its midst.

If one would consider performing an act of generosity, it would be prudent and wise to emulate and follow in Chuck's footsteps. A heart of gold who leaves no stone unturned in accomplishing his *chesed* missions, we have witnessed Chuck's compassion and passion when tending to Joan z"l in the most trying situations, in addition to his zeal in assisting all which is holy.

In the most glowing terms, Chuck's pursuit of Torah knowledge and drive to connect to Hashem on a higher level is to be revered. Following the trail Chuck has hewn will bring meaning to one who is aspiring for more and better.

Wishing Chuck all the best as he continues to climb on his spiritual trip, while encountering life's adventures and challenges.

Rabbi Yaakov Zev Katz
Beachwood-University Heights Kollel



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Chuck and Joan z"l

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The Officers and Board of
Oheb Zedek-Cedar Sinai Synagogue
are honored to congratulate
Joan, z"l and Chuck Whitehill
on being this year's recipient of our
Unity & Community award.

You personify what it means to care
for one's community, here in Cleveland,
America and Israel.

We admire and respect your dedication
to ensuring the success of so many
organizations and are happy to have
you as part of our family.



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Mazel Tov to

Chuck and Joan z”l

on this beautiful honor!

Best Wishes,

Yehuda Baskin
and Family





*Congratulations Chuck
on receiving the
Unity and Community Award.*

*Joan's memory and legacy
continue to spread light
into the world.*

You carry the candle forward.

Penni and Steve Weinberg





Chuck and Joan z'l,

*Congratulations to you on receiving
this most deserving award!*

*May you be blessed with health
and happiness.*

You inspire us all!

*Jodi and Jeff Gottlieb
Susan and Jerry Gottlieb
Lorin and Alan Gottlieb*





Chuck,

*The dedication, generosity,
and passion that you and Joan a"h,
have shown to each other and to our
community, has inspired us
to follow in your footsteps*

*Frank and Beth Rosenberg
and family*





To the loving and caring "Chuck"
and in memory of Joan

Both of you gave so much of your time and
energy to help so many people in need.

Thank You

Victor and Ellen Cohn



IN TRIBUTE TO A DEAR FRIEND

CHUCK WHITEHILL

AND IN MEMORY OF HIS

UNFORGETTABLE WIFE

JOAN OB" M

WHOSE NOBLE EFFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS
MAKE THEM WORTHY RECIPIENTS OF THIS AWARD.

YOUR LOVE, CARE AND DEVOTION TO ALL JEWS

SERVE AS AN INSPIRATION TO ONE AND ALL.

RABBI ELI DESSLER



The Muszynski Family and Values-in-Action Foundation
congratulate our dear friend and advisory board member

Chuck Whitehill

on receiving the Unity and Community Award.

*Chuck, you and Joan z”l have exuded unity
and community, kindness, tzedaka and love.*

You inspire your community and all who know you!

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To Joan z”l
and
Chuck Whitehill,

We honor you as role models
of a life dedicated to
Tikkum Olam - to repair the world.

Audrey and Albert



The Unity and Community Award, like the synagogue it represents, espouses the values and actions that all should aspire to do, both in the Jewish and non-Jewish worlds.

Chuck and Joan clearly have stood for those values.
The Bogomolny Family is happy to celebrate
and commend their light and love.

Congratulations!

Dick Bogomolny and Pattie Kozerefski



*Congratulations
from the
Shabran Family.*

Kol Hakavod!

Mazel tov to
CHUCK
AND
JOAN Z”L
for their exemplary
community perspective.

Cari and Gary Gross

**Chuck, in recognition
for all you and Joan
have done for the community
and your continuing dedication
to the Food Bank**

**Howard Amster
Betty Kimbrew
Tammy Gould
Alan Silverman**

Mazel Tov to
Joan z"l and Chuck
on your honor!

We are very proud of you!!!

John and Trish Whitehill
Bob and Roelie Whitehill
Les and Iris Dukehart



Chuck and Joan, z"l

Thank you
for your service
to our community!

Congratulations
on this honor!

Steve and Loree
Potash

Congratulations to
Chuck and Joan z"l Whitehill
on this well-deserved honor.

From your friends on the
Jewish National Fund USA Northern Ohio
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Your Voice in Israel

Thank you
Chuck and Joan z"l
for a lifetime of giving
and commitment
to the community.

Gail & Ken Liffman



Dear Chuck,
We can think of nobody more
deserving of this honor than
Joan, z"l and you.

Hanukkah is the perfect day to
celebrate the light and love you
shared with each other and the
bridges you built in uniting
people within the community.

Love,

Peter and Aliki Rzepka



Joan, of blessed memory
and Chuck,
Congratulations on
this well-deserved honor!

We are proud to support you.



Gerry Goldberg
& Timothy Goldberg

Joanie is a blessed memory
for us all.

Joanie & Chuck's Mission
is a blessing to the whole
community.

Bart Bookatz and the
Bookatz-Berkowitz-Kumin
Families





Mazel Tov
to Joan, z”l
and Chuck Whitehill
on this well-deserved honor!
Thank you for your years
of leadership and dedication
to our community.

Rabbi Noah
and Dr. Chaya Leavitt



Mazel Tov

Joan z”l
— and —
**Chuck
Whitehill**

For your much deserved
Unity and Community Award



Saving lives. It's in our blood.

Congratulations Chuck
on receiving the prominent
Unity and Community
Award.

We know that in accepting
this award you do so
representing all the good you
and Joan z”l have done for so
many, including us.

Ida and Irwin Haber



עולם חסד יבנה -

The world is built
through kindness.

- Psalms 89:3

Thank you Chuck & Joan(z"l) for your
leadership in our community.

Rabbi Stephen Weiss, Rabbi Hal Rudin-Luria,
Cantor Aaron Shifman, President Rebekah Dorman
and your B'nai Jeshurun family.





Chuck & Joan (Z"l)
"Heart of Gold"
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We recognize and remember
Joan Whitehill z'l
as a towering pillar of positive determination.

Joan spread light wherever she went.

Joan and Chuck
have been an inspiration
in their dedication to each other
and to others.

Harley Cohen, Board Chair
Rabbi Yossi and Estie Marozov
Friendship Circle Staff and Board of Directors

*Mazel tov to my dearest friend
and chavrusa*

Chuck and Joan z"l

*on this most deserving honor.
Your selfless devotion to the shul and
the entire Jewish community is so
inspirational. I owe so much of my
growth in Torah and middot to you.
We love you so much. May we continue
to learn until 120 years and may
our learning and your unparalleled
chesed continue to be an aliya for your
beautiful wife Joan's neshama.*

Danny & Leigh Waxman



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**Warmest congratulations to
Joan z"l and Chuck
on this very well-deserved honor.**

**Your special light and love
shared with the entire community
is inspiring and appreciated!**

**The staff and volunteers
at Kosher Food Pantry**



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*Thank you
Chuck and Joan z'l
for lighting the menorah
through your good deeds and illuminating
the community, country and world!*

Michael Siegal and Family

