Cincinnati Campus to Celebrate 100 Years in Clifton at 28th Annual Associates Tribute Dinner

Ralph S. (Mike) Michael to be honored for distinguished community service

CINCINNATI, OH:--- The Cincinnati Associates of Hebrew Union College will host its 28th Annual Tribute Dinner on Sunday, November 6, 2011. The event will pay tribute to Ralph S. (Mike) Michael, President and CEO of Fifth Third Bank, Cincinnati. The event will also mark the formal celebration of the 100th anniversary of HUC-JIR’s Clifton campus. Dinner Co-chairs are Andrew R. Berger and Karen M. Hoguet. Corporate Council Dinner Co-chairs are James A. Miller and Joseph A. Pichler.

“This centennial celebration event is a wonderful opportunity to honor Mike, one of this community’s most inspiring community leaders, “ said Ms. Hoguet, dinner co-chair along with Mr. Berger.

“Mike exemplifies the unwavering commitment of Greater Cincinnati’s corporate community to HUC-JIR,” noted Dr. Jonathan Cohen, newly appointed Dean of the Cincinnati campus. “Their devotion has helped to propel this school from humble beginnings to international stature and acclaim. As the dedication of generations past sustained the College-Institute, so will the community’s ongoing support help drive HUC-JIR’s bold plans for the future."

Mr. Michael is a board member of Cincinnati Center City Development Corp. (3CDC), Xavier University, Cincinnati Red Cross and the Cincinnati Bengals. He is the 2011 Chair of the ArtsWave campaign and has also chaired the 1995 United Way of Greater Cincinnati campaign, the 2008 capital campaign for the Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America, and in 1994 he chaired the Friends of Scouting campaign. He is past vice chairman of the Cincinnati Business Committee.

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“As we enter our next century in Clifton, the Cincinnati campus’ peerless academic and cultural assets will be accessible as never before through expanded outreach programming, dynamic new academic partnerships and enhanced technological capabilities,” noted Rabbi Ken Ehrlich, Dean of the Cincinnati campus. “Under the leadership of incoming Dean Dr. Jonathan Cohen, who will assume his new post on September 1, the Cincinnati campus will deepen its historic contributions to the richness of cultural life and learning throughout the community.”

The event—to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Cincinnati—will benefit the Rabbinical and Graduate Schools on the Cincinnati campus. For more information, call 513.487.3047.

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