HUC-JIR honors Schwartz at fundraiser

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Over 400 supporters, colleagues, friends, students and faculty of HUC-JIR gathered to honor Schwartz as an exemplary model of civic and philanthropic leadership and achievement.

Proceeds from the dinner raised approximately $650,000 to benefit the graduate and rabbinical school at HUC-JIR.

Rabbi David Ellenson, President of HUC-JIR, served as the master of ceremonies for the evening, which began with remarks by Tom Conlan Jr., co-chair of the event. Mona Kerstine served as co-chair while Dr. Alfred Gottschalk, chancellor emeritus of HUC-JIR, was the keynote speaker at the event. The invocation was offered by Father Michael Graham, President of Xavier University.

“I first got to know Ted in a period when the college was said by others to be, ‘the best kept secret in Cincinnati’, said Rabbi Gottschalk. “(HUC-JIR) is a remarkable institution.”

“At that time the college had not been a part of the community... until there was a threat for it to leave,” added Rabbi Gottschalk. “Ted and his late wife were one of the first contributors to (help keep it here).”

Schwartz and his late wife Debbie endowed the T.L. and Debra Schwartz Scholarship Fund to benefit first-year rabbinical stu-

Schwartz is general partner of Palmway Investments in Cincinnati and vice-chairman of the board of Lion Apparel, Inc., of Dayton, Ohio. He serves as a member of the Board of Governors of HUC-JIR and, in addition, has served as a distinguished member of the Board of Overseers of HUC-JIR’s Cincinnati School, including a term as chairman, since 1979. He also served as a member of the State of Israel Bond Council.

Schwartz has been a long-time benefactor of the arts and the University of Cincinnati, College of Mount St. Joseph, Contemporary Arts Center, and Cincinnati Ballet Company.

He is the father of two sons, Steve and Andy, and grandfather of Olivia, Sam, Devorah and Judah.