

RABBI GREENSTEIN TO RECEIVE HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Temple Israel Senior Rabbi Micah Greenstein has been selected as the 2011 winner of the Memphis City Council Humanitarian Award and the Memphis Theological Seminary's President's Humanitarian Award.

The City Council award “commemorates the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by recognizing a Memphian who has dedicated his or her life to the betterment of their fellow man and the promotion of racial harmony among all men.” Rabbi Greenstein will be presented this award at the beginning of the City Council meeting on Tuesday, December 6, at 3:30 pm, in the City Council Chambers at 125 N. Main Street.

The Memphis Theological Seminary's President's Humanitarian Award is presented to “an ambassador of goodwill who, with faith and compassion, builds the community of God by breaking down barriers that separate us and improves the welfare of humankind.” Rabbi Greenstein will be presented this award at the Dr. Henry Logan Starks Scholarship Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at the Memphis Hilton Hotel. Contact Sandra Mays with the seminary, 334-5808 or smays@MemphisSeminary.edu, to purchase tickets.



“Temple Israel has, ever since he arrived here over 20 years ago, been truly fortunate to count Rabbi Greenstein as one of our greatest assets and blessings,” said Nancy Robinson, Temple Israel President. “While he has performed over 800 b’nai mitzvah, nearly 200 weddings, over 150 baby namings, and over 1,800 Shabbat services, perhaps his greatest legacy to date has been the meaningful and positive impact he has made quietly, and without fanfare, on a one-on-one basis with Temple members, those in Greater Memphis Jewish community and community at large, and with the less fortunate in places such as Cambodia. On behalf of the Temple Israel Board of Trustees and our nearly 1,600 member families, we congratulate Rabbi Greenstein for receiving these two distinguished honors.”