

mensch [mench]- noun, plural mensch-en

The term “mensch” means a “good person,” but it represents a moral ideal for all people, men and women alike. . . . It means being sensitive to other people’s needs and seeking out ways to help them. In the Jewish culture of Eastern Europe where the term arose, to call someone a mensch was the highest compliment that could be given.



Alex and Chuckie Holstein, married for 71 years, independently and together continue to leave a decades-long impact not only on Syracuse but the entire world. Among her many accomplishments, Chuckie recently retired as executive director of FOCUS Greater Syracuse, a citizen engagement and action organization she co-founded. She also co-founded Leadership Greater Syracuse, is an honorary vice president of the American Jewish Committee, served for 13 years as chair of Loretto, has received honorary degrees from Le Moyne College and Syracuse University and has been awarded countless other awards and honors.

Alex has spent his life participating in civic, cultural, educational and religious affairs in the local, state and national communities. His community activism includes board member of Crouse Irving Memorial and later the Crouse Health Foundation, and director of the Hospital Association of New York State, chair of the NYS Hospital Trustees Advisory Board and the National Congress of Hospital Governing Boards. He is a co-founder of an early interfaith dialogue group seeking peace in the Middle East, former chair of the Everson Museum, and former board member of the Jewish Federation and Temple Concord.



Winnie Greenberg says she is proud to be a native Syracusan and a member of the Syracuse Jewish community. She has been involved in National Council of Jewish Women for over 50 years and is a Hannah Solomon recipient. She is a lifelong member of Hadassah, has been on the Menorah Park board for many years, contributes to UJA, and is a Lion of Judah. Her passionate support of local organizations includes the Everson Museum, Symphoria, and Syracuse Stage. Winnie and her family are in the process of establishing a scholarship for a Syracuse University student athlete in her husband Sidney’s name.



William Magnerelli has been the New York State Assembly member for the 129th district since his election in 1998. He has focused his efforts on bringing more jobs to Central New York, lowering taxes, providing students a better education at every level, improving access to healthcare, keeping families safe and supporting veterans. A Syracuse native, Assemblyman Magnerelli attended Syracuse University Law School, graduating with honors in 1973. Upon graduating, he entered the Army Reserves, serving for six years and rising to the rank of Captain.

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A celebration of Temple Concord and our Community

Join us on
Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6 pm
at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown
Grand Ballroom
as we celebrate Temple Concord
and our community with
cocktails, dinner, dancing and
“Mensch of the Year” recognition of
Chuckie & Alex Holstein
Winnie Greenberg
Assemblyman William Magnerelli



Music by Nik Lite

Cocktail Attire

10% of the evening’s proceeds will benefit InterFaith Works

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