



HYMAN BRAND
HEBREW ACADEMY

The Civic Service Award

The Civic Service Award was designed for our honoree by Rita Blitt, a nationally recognized artist. Blitt's elegant paintings and sculptures celebrate her love of nature, music, dance and the spontaneous flow of movement captured in the drawn gesture. As Blitt has said of her working method, "It is a magic moment when that line comes out of my hand or two hands simultaneously. I feel like I'm dancing...." Blitt has works publicly installed and in private collections worldwide, including Australia, Germany, Israel, Japan, Norway, Singapore, Taiwan and in many states in the U.S. Blitt's sculpture "L'chaim: To Life" is installed in front of the Lewis and Shirley White Theater at the Jewish Community Center and her wall sculpture is in the theater lobby. "Joyous Jewish Star," a wall sculpture in the front lobby of the campus was created in honor of her husband, Irwin Blitt, for his contribution in creating the entire Jewish campus where the Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy also resides. Blitt's recent awards include Best Documentary Short, from Moving Pictures Magazine for "Caught in Paint" (a six minute documentary in which the dancers of the Parsons Dance Company are seen mid-air through Blitt's paintings as she paints) and fifth prize for sculpture in the international Florence Biennale. Her next scheduled exhibit is at Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, California.

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