



**Jewish Community
Relations Council**
MILWAUKEE
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Robert H. Friebert Social Justice Award

The JCRC's Robert H. Friebert Social Justice Award recognizes individuals who demonstrate courage, passion, dedication and leadership while working to eliminate discrimination and injustice in the greater Milwaukee area. Recipients need not be Jewish. The inaugural winner was James H. Hall,

It was created by Bob's family and friends as a way to continue his legacy as a fierce advocate for justice.

The honoree will be recognized at the Jewish Community Relations Council's Annual Meeting on June 15, 2017. Deadline for nominations is **March 12, 2017**.

About Robert H. Friebert:

A prominent Milwaukee attorney and activist, Robert H. Friebert (1938-2013) was driven to pursue social justice through the law and public service. He believed deeply that everyone deserves equal social, economic and political rights.

Friebert served as the president of the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations, now the Jewish Community Relations Council of the Milwaukee Jewish Federation.

Friebert dedicated himself to the pursuit of social justice and the Jewish value of tikkun olam (repairing the world). A graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School, he was a founding partner of the law firm Friebert, Finerty and St. John S.C.

He argued four cases in the United States Supreme Court, addressing the rights of teachers to organize, due process for federal youthful offenders, reproductive rights of women and the rights of people to vote in primary elections. He served as the first public defender for the State of Wisconsin from 1966-1968.

Friebert became active in local, state and national Democratic politics in his pursuit of social justice. He served several terms on the Democratic National Committee, as an advisor and consultant to numerous Democratic presidential candidates and was the lead counsel on the election recount that awarded the First District Congressional seat to the late Congressman and Secretary of Defense Les Aspin. Friebert enjoyed political debate and was respected for his strongly held views by Republicans and Democrats alike.

In addition to his legal and political work, Friebert was active in organizations that held special meaning for him. He served as president of Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, founding chair of the Wisconsin Jewish Conference, president of the Milwaukee Jewish Council for Community Relations, state chairman of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union, and in various capacities on numerous other boards and commissions.

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Criteria:

To be considered for this award, nominators must submit a completed application, consisting of a nomination form, a copy of the nominee's CV or resume, and a letter of nomination.

The letter of nomination should contain clear references to how the nominee has demonstrated leadership, courage and compassion as a social justice advocate, as well as indicate how long the nominee has been working as an advocate or role model for a chosen cause. Nominees' professional and personal contributions to social justice will be considered.

The completed application packet must be submitted by March 12, 2017, to the Jewish Community Relations Council (1360 N. Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202). Applications can also be submitted via email at jcrc@milwaukeejewish.org.

Nomination Form:

Nominee Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Nominator Signature: _____ Date _____

Nominator Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

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****Please attach a copy of the nominee's CV/resume and letter of nomination (which is not to exceed two [2] pages in length).