

Zionist Organization of America
Greater Philadelphia Chapter
2019 Gala
and Tribute to Israel Advocates

honoring:



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Tuesday, September 24, 2019/24 Elul 5779
Tribute Book and Ad Journal

“The Star-Spangled Banner”

Oh say, can you see,
by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hailed at the
twilight's last gleaming.
Whose broad stripes and bright
stars, through the perilous fight,
o'er the ramparts we watched
were so gallantly streaming.
And the rockets' red glare, the
bombs bursting in air,
gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that banner yet
wave?
O'er the land of the free and the
home of the brave.

“Hatikvah”

Kol od ba'le'vav p'nima,
nefesh Yehudi ho'miyah.
U'lefa-atei mizrach kadimah,
Ayin le'Tziyyon tzofiyah.
Od lo avda tikva-teinu,
Ha'tikvah bat sh'not al-payim
Lih-yot am chofshi b'ar-tzeinu
Eretz Tziyyon v'Yerushalayim.

Translation:

As long as within our hearts
The Jewish soul sings. As long
As forward to the East to Zion
Looks the eye — our hope is
not yet lost. It is two thousand
Years old: To be a free people
In our land, the land of
Zion and Jerusalem.

The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the
flag of the United States
of America, and to the
republic for which it
stands, one nation under
G-d, indivisible, with
liberty and justice for all.

“G-d Bless America”

G-d bless America,
land that I love.
Stand beside her, and
guide her, through the
night with the light
from above.
From the mountains,
to the prairies, to the
oceans white with
foam.
G-d bless America, my
home sweet home. G-d
bless America, my
home sweet home.

In Memoriam



Lee S. Bender ^{zt"l}

**Co-President, Greater Philadelphia
ZOA 2012-2019**

**Zionist, Patriot, Activist, Colleague,
Friend, Husband, Father, Brother**

*May his memory be for a blessing.
May his loved ones be comforted
along with the mourners of
Zion and Yerushalayim.*

**ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**

GALA

September 24, 2019/24 Elul 5779
HILTON PHILADELPHIA CITY AVENUE

HONORING:

**MALKA KANTOR-RAPKIN
CLIFF RIEDERS
RABBI ELIEZER HIRSCH
PROFESSOR JASON D. HILL**

MASTER-OF-CEREMONIES:

GARY ERLBAUM

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MORTON KLEIN**

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WELCOME

I welcome all of you to the fabulous ZOA Greater Philadelphia Gala. Your attendance tonight and your involvement with ZOA's Greater Philadelphia Chapter makes it clear that you are an ardent activist and committed Zionist.

Your presence here strengthens ZOA's ability to maintain our presence on more than 100 college campuses, teaching the truth about the Arab war against Israel; our government relations office in Washington, D.C., educating Congress; our Law and Justice Center, which fights for Jewish students to be free from discrimination and harassment; our Israel office; and other programs.

ZOA has had many successes recently, which you can be proud of. The lawsuit by ZOA's Center for Law & Justice to stop discrimination against Jewish students at Rutgers was reopened. ZOA led the legislation and decades-long effort to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. ZOA testified in Congress and led successful efforts for U.S. recognition of Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights. ZOA also testified in Congress about white supremacist and Islamic antisemitism and hate crimes. ZOA led successful campaigns to remove hostile government officials and media personalities, and to assure the appointment of friends of the Jewish people to government posts.

I'd like to ask you and your friends and family to vote for the ZOA coalition slate in the upcoming 2020 World Zionist Congress election, which will take place online from January 21, 2020 to March 11, 2020. Our slate is called the "Zionist Organization of America-ZOA & Coalition Partners: Courageously Defending Israel & the Jewish People" slate. The World Zionist Congress is the parliament of the Jewish people, and determines policy of Israel's national institutions. Hostile-to-Israel groups have been trying to take over the Congress, to foist their harmful policies on Israel. ZOA really needs your votes to strengthen the Zionist cause. See VoteZOA.org for more information.

Thank you again for the pleasure of your company at the Philadelphia ZOA Gala.

Morton Klein
National President

THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Since its founding in 1897, ZOA has been fighting for the Jewish people and the Land of Israel. During our first 50 years we worked for the reestablishment of the Jewish State of Israel and since 1948, we have worked to safeguard it.

Under the leadership of such illustrious presidents as Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis and current National President Morton A. Klein, ZOA works to strengthen U.S.-Israel relations through educational activities; public affairs programs; lobbying on Capitol Hill; outreach to the under-informed; and combating anti-Israel bias in the media, textbooks, and on college campuses. ZOA has more than 25,000 members, with chapters throughout America.

- ◆ ZOA was victorious in its campaign to get the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to use Title VI to protect Jewish students on campus who face hostile conditions due to anti-Semitic harassment, intimidation and discrimination. ZOA's Center for Law & Justice has filed complaints on behalf of Jewish students citing Title VI at many universities.
- ◆ ZOA is the only organization that documents and exposes Palestinian-Arab violations of the Oslo Accords and the "Road Map." ZOA's efforts for American victims of Palestinian-Arab terrorism led to the passing of the Koby Mandell Act.
- ◆ The ZOA has played a key role in Congress regarding victims of terrorism, keeping Jerusalem unified under Israeli sovereignty, fighting Hamas and Fatah, and working on the imposing of sanctions on Syria and Iran.
- ◆ ZOA's campaigns have succeeded in defeating hostile critics of Israel nominated for government positions.
- ◆ ZOA's Government Relations Department continues to educate lawmakers and discuss key legislation.
- ◆ The ZOA's growing Campus Activism Network regularly brings student activists to Israel for leadership training programs and is active on college campuses throughout the country.

The Wall Street Journal has called us "The most credible advocate for Israel on the American Jewish scene today."

Greater Philadelphia ZOA

We have been relentless in promoting, supporting and defending Israel, American values and the well-being of the Jewish community throughout our region with activities and initiatives to educate, advocate and reach out to the uninformed, misinformed and under-informed.

Our recent activities and efforts have included:

- ◆ Leading the effort to draw attention to anti-Jewish Temple University Professor Marc Lamont Hill: We addressed a meeting of Temple's Board of Trustees and met with the Dean of Temple's Klein College of Media and Communication — where Hill is on the faculty. We also coordinated a demonstration on the Temple Campus in opposition to Hill;
- ◆ Filing a complaint with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission to investigate a Philadelphia Islamic school where children were recorded singing about chopping off the heads of Jews, and other vile anti-Jewish behavior;
- ◆ Re-invigorating our "Textbook Survey Project" to examine what students are being taught about Israel, the Middle East and other issues impacting the Jewish community;
- ◆ Creating an exhibit called "Maps Tell the Story" – a collection of four 3'x2' maps – that vividly show that the land of Israel has belonged to the Jewish People for millennia, and that we have had a continuous presence in the land – and that our most significant and historic places within the land are in areas that much of the world seeks to take away from Israel and the Jewish People;
- ◆ Offering presentations and making speeches about Israel, the peace process and media bias;
- ◆ Meetings with lawmakers and candidates in both in Washington and in their local offices;
- ◆ Making sure Zionism and pro-Israel activism is at the forefront of the Jewish communal establishment;
- ◆ Leading the regional "Buy Israel" effort, now in its 10th year;
- ◆ Frequently making media appearances locally, nationally and internationally;
- ◆ Monitoring and challenging anti-Israel speakers;

Check our Web site, Facebook page and your email for news about upcoming special events, Action Alerts and other ways you can make a difference. As Israel's security and survival becomes more perilous, we urge you to join us, become active and support the continuation and expansion of our work. Please consider hosting a parlor meeting to introduce ZOA to your friends, family, neighbors and colleagues. To learn more, phone us at 610-660-9466, email us at office@zoaphilly.org or find us on the Web at philly.zoa.org. We appreciate each and every member and each and every donation.

The ZOA *Amud Ha' Kehillah* Award

(Pillar of the Community Award)

Klal Yisrael has had literal pillars (known as *amudim*) since the time of the Tabernacle, and figurative pillars even earlier, dating back to the Patriarchs and Matriarchs.

Today, the Greater Philadelphia-area Jewish community is blessed to have among us many people who can be described as “pillars” who are out in front, always reliable to be supportive and serve as role models.

They offer their leadership or their time, their expertise and encouragement, their dollars *and* their sense.

Typically they are selfless and act out of love for their people and for a near and dear cause. Their devotion and enthusiasm are often contagious — inspiring friends, relatives, and even strangers to try to match their passion, dedication, energy and level of participation in the community.

Even though they may have a title or prominent position, often they go about their work unnoticed. But surely, without such individuals, couples, and families, it is quite likely that the community might weaken and sag.

These “pillars” serve our community and the Zionist Organization of America’s Greater Philadelphia Chapter in a variety of ways including by allotting time, energy and creativity to the cause of Israel, ZOA and the community-at-large, or via vital financial support.

It is only fitting that from time to time, ZOA and the community give back by recognizing their good and important deeds and the crucial roles that they play.

Amud Ha'Kehillah Award Recipient (Pillar of the Community) Malka Kantor-Rapkin

Malka Kantor-Rapkin seemed destined to be a Pillar of her Community — whether that “community” is her large family; Klal Yisrael; or America, a place she arrived in as a teen in 1964.

Malka is a second-generation sabra born and raised in Tel Aviv. In the early 1920s, her grandparents and other relatives left the anti-Semitic environment in Russia and Poland to become pioneers in Mandate Palestine. Many today do not realize that there were Palestinian Jews and the term referred almost exclusively to Jews. Her grandparents and other family founded two *kibbutzim* (Dgania-b and Geva).

Torah, *Avodah* and *Gmilut Chasidim* were the staples in Malka's family. Her family were businesspeople who used the proceeds of what they created to become *tzedakah* and *chesed* leaders in pre-state Israel and following independence. In 1942 her grandmother founded a *Gemach* (Jewish free loan fund) that exists today in Israel known as the Buchman-Hyman Foundation. Begin, Rabin, Dayan, Eshkol and chief rabbis were among Israeli political leaders and other dignitaries who frequented the Buchman family home every Simchat Torah for *Hakafot* as a tribute to their good works. Her father was in the Haganah and fought in every war, from the War of Independence through the Yom Kippur War.

Arriving in Philadelphia, Malka enrolled in Gratz College. After graduating, she taught Hebrew and music at Beth El Academy and Har Zion Temple. She then relocated due to her husband's work, and taught in New York and Michigan.

In 1973 her husband was offered a position to run a textile factory in Ashkelon, and they returned to Israel with their three young kids. The Yom Kippur War and the Oil Embargo dealt an economic blow, so two years later they returned to the U.S., and Malka's entrepreneurial spirit blossomed. She operated businesses in advertising, travel and real estate, and lastly, the financial services industry where she has had a successful 35-year career.

Malka co-founded Kantor Financial Group, a planning and wealth-management firm, which continues to thrive as Certior Financial Group headed by her son Avi Kantor. It has offices in King of Prussia and Jackson Hole.

Malka is a member and strong supporter of pro-Israel organizations including ZOA and CUFI. She chaired the Florida Chapter of AKIM USA. She sang with the local *Chavurut Hazemer* and serves on the board of the Lower Merion Symphony. She is a member of the Rotary Club and is active in Republican Party politics.

In the past 55 years, wherever her new community was, Malka always made it a priority to find and connect with her Jewish roots and Israel — always promoting, supporting, advocating on behalf of Jewish causes and Israel.

The ZOA Defender of Israel Award

While it comes naturally for those reading this to be pro-Israel in both words and deeds, let's face it: In today's climate, it's not easy to be a defender of Israel.

Anti-Israel propaganda from a variety of sources has poisoned many people's understanding about Israel and the broader Middle East.

Much of the media amplifies this propaganda, often adding its own nefarious agenda into the mix and thus filling many eyes and ears with lies and innuendo, creating false impressions about the Jewish State. History and context are omitted or twisted.

It is even worse for the younger segments of the population. Schoolbooks publish false or misleading histories, and many campuses have become cesspools, rife with anti-Israel activity and hostile environments for anyone who is openly pro-Israel.

The media and academia are among the ingredients that lead to misunderstandings at best, and open hostility at worst when it comes to Israel in many corners of life, including in social settings, in boardrooms, in politics and even in congregations.

Frequently Israel is perceived as a villain, an impediment to peace, and the aggressors in a seemingly endless Middle East war. Meanwhile, the Palestinian-Arabs are perceived as the victims, while other Arabs as defending the "Palestinians" against Israel, and the Iranians are perceived as entitled to nuclear weapons.

Yet despite all of the above, there are those who are undeterred from their mission to promote and defend Israel. They relentlessly fight back with information and facts, prodding opponents of Israel to take another look. The setting for their work seems to be irrelevant — siding with a strong, vibrant Israel and supporting an undivided Israeli capital of Jerusalem more often today it is in a court room or legislative chamber — even in the synagogue if need be.

It is important to recognize and honor this tenacity and inspire others to defend the truth.

Defender of Israel Award Recipient

Cliff Rieders

Cliff Rieders has been instrumental in fighting the BDS movement against Israel. He drafted a resolution which passed the Pennsylvania House and Senate unanimously. He was also involved in the drafting of legislation which recently passed the General Assembly in Pennsylvania and was signed by Governor Wolf.

Cliff serves on the National Board of the Zionist Organization of America and assisted in the creation of ZOA's Center for Law and Justice. Cliff is a frequent consultant to ZOA President Morton Klein, attorney Susan Tuchman, and others within ZOA.

He serves on the Advisory Board of the New York University Taub Israel Studies Program and has served as president of Congregation Ohev Sholom in Williamsport, Pennsylvania numerous times in the last 30 years. One of Rieders' daughters, Kaila, has served as an officer in the Israeli Defense Forces and currently resides in Jerusalem, attending law school at Ramat Gan. Rieders has traveled to Israel often and has worked in a variety of causes connected with the State of Israel. He has written widely, including the highly distributed manual, *A Jewish Dialogue*. Rieders has written on and examined numerous pieces of legislation related to Israel and the Middle East, including a critique of the Iran nuclear accords and their danger to the United States and Israel.

Rieders is a partner in the Williamsport law firm of Rieders, Travis, Humphrey, Waters & Dohrmann. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Coat of Arms Society and Academic Scholarships from New York University and received his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University. In Washington he worked for the Maritime Administration, U.S. Dept. of Commerce and for defense counsel Henry Rothblatt in the Watergate case. His areas of legal expertise include medical malpractice, personal injury actions, constitutional law and civil rights issues, commercial cases, class actions, complex litigation, and federal law issues.

He has served as president of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He is a past chairman of the Amicus Curiae Committee, current member of the Political Action Committee and chairperson of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Health Care Law Committee; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Federal Bar Association, Past President of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter; American Law Institute, Consultative Group on Products Liability Restatement of Torts Third, Products Liability, General Torts and Apportionment of Liability projects; Emotional Distress and others.

Cliff is a member of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court Standard Civil Jury Instruction Committee, and a founding sponsor of the Civil Justice Foundation. He was the first president of Citizens for Consumer Justice, and is a past member of Pennsylvania's Patient Safety Authority. He has written numerous articles for *The Barrister*, *Trial* magazine, and other publications. He is a frequent op-ed writer. He has received numerous awards for his work and is a frequent lecturer. He is the author of *Pennsylvania Medical Malpractice*; *Workers' Rights in Pennsylvania*; *Financial Responsibility Law Issues*; *Bad Faith in Pennsylvania*; *Legal Malpractice Claims in Pennsylvania*; and *Attorney's Fees, Statutes and Laws*.

The ZOA Guardian of Israel Award

Israel has a strong, courageous and much-admired defense force. But the threats to Israel's existence are not limited to the battlefield. Her enemies are constantly working to undermine and delegitimize Israel; to hurt her economically; to erase the overwhelming public support throughout much of the West for the Jewish State – including here in America. Other adversaries work within the Jewish community to weaken affinity with the Jewish state — to break the very bond between a People and our homeland that is rooted in Judaism.

These enemies trade in lies and propaganda. Their weapons include doctored photos; quotes and statistics taken out of context; phony “victims” and staged events for the media; and promises of peace they have no intention of fulfilling.

They are particularly effective against our young, impressionable and under-informed members of our community. There are also the timeless foes known as “complacency” and “apathy.”

It is our duty, as people who love Israel, to take on these enemies and counter them with education and advocacy and activism.

By writing and talking, demonstrating and lobbying, buying goods from Israel, hearing from guest speakers from Israel and other acts, we fight back and protect Israel in the war of ideas.

Some go the extra mile, casting aside “political correctness,” rolling up their sleeves, cajoling and nudging and assertively imparting their love for Israel to others. They speak with family and friends, or young people, or congregants, or colleagues about these matters. Though the pulpit is their platform, they work tirelessly in the foreground and in the background.

They know just the right thing to say to light that spark in an individual or a congregation. Some even take congregants to Israel to give them a first-hand experience.

They instill pride in Israel and make sure we never forget our Israeli brothers and sisters nor our homeland.

Such people are worthy of the title “Guardian of Israel.”

Guardian of Israel Award Recipient

Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch

Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch is the spiritual leader and founding rabbi of Mekor Habracha/Center City Synagogue in Philadelphia. Since Mekor's establishment more than a decade ago, he has presided over the synagogue's rapid growth and significant contributions to the flourishing Center City Jewish community. Under his leadership, Mekor has consistently attracted a diverse membership, including large numbers of young adults.

Rabbi Hirsch seeks to share his devotion to Israel with his congregation by including special blessings for Israel and the IDF in Mekor's Shabbat and holiday services, celebrating numerous congregants who have made aliyah, and expressing a fervent voice for Israel in his sermons. Many of Mekor's members take his message to heart and follow his example, by becoming active in pro-Israel advocacy.

Not content to limit his support for Israel to his own congregation, Rabbi Hirsch has made a powerful impact across the Philadelphia region. Steadfast in his opposition to BDS, he has signed rabbinical petitions and attended protest rallies. In 2015, he joined a Rabbinic Mission to Israel which included a diverse group of rabbis from both Pennsylvania and central New Jersey. In 2017, he raised funds for Kav L'Noar, an Israeli family services agency, by running the Jerusalem marathon as a member of the Rabbis Can Run initiative. Both personally and on behalf of Mekor Habracha, he contributes to a wide range of Israeli and American nonprofits that provide charitable and political support for Israel.

In addition to leading Congregation Mekor Habracha, Rabbi Hirsch serves as dean of Jewish philosophy for the Association for Hebraic Studies Institute, a distance learning college based in Wesley Hills, NY, and now known as AHS-Genesis University.

He received rabbinical ordination from the renowned Ner Israel Rabbinical College in Baltimore, and Yeshiva Ohr Reuven in Suffern, NY. He earned a dual bachelor's degree in Talmudic law and accounting, and a master's degree in Talmudic law from Ner Israel. Rabbi Hirsch also completed post-graduate studies in Advanced Rabbinics and Synagogue Management at Touro College and holds Torah U'mesorah teacher certification. During his two decades of study in Yeshiva, including four years in Israel, he forged close relationships with prominent rabbinic leaders and received years of training from renowned Halachic authorities.

In his sermons and classes, Rabbi Hirsch connects the lessons of the Torah portion and Jewish holidays with insights for everyday life, emphasizing the Torah's eternal relevance for Jews of all backgrounds. With this purpose in mind, he has authored two books: *Pesach Without the Pain: A Practical Guide to the Laws and Practices of Passover*, and *Bringing Order to the Seder: A Modern Guide to the Traditional Passover Haggadah*. At its heart, *Bringing Order to the Seder* is an impassioned tribute to Zionism and a testament to the Jewish people's inalienable right to the land of Israel.

The ZOA Education Beacon Award

The education landscape in America is one today where information and propaganda commingle, with the line separating the two often intentionally invisible. Too frequently instead of being informed, young Americans are indoctrinated. They are told what to think rather than how to form opinions.

Opinions and ideas that differ from the new Orthodoxy which has taken hold can make the “renegade” independent-thinking teacher, professor or student both a target and a victim, placing their livelihood or their future in jeopardy.

Much of the indoctrination campaign is directed at misinforming students about Israel, with the goal to delegitimize Israel, marginalize those who support her and dissolve the bond between Americans and Israelis.

It has for quite a while been prevalent on college- and university campuses. More recently it has leached into high schools and middle schools. The name “Israel” is removed from maps and the history of the Middle East is distorted. Will it be long before even younger children are turned against one of America’s most important and loyal allies?

College programs in Israel are ended. Faculty in some academic disciplines demand Israel be boycotted and students follow suit or lead the charge. “Apartheid Week” and anti-Jewish speakers are prevalent.

Yet despite this pressure to be anti-Israel or to hide one’s support for Israel from public eyes and ears, there are courageous students, faculty and administrators. They are fully aware of the facts – and that those facts are on Israel’s side. They are aware that Israel remains the underdog and it is Israel who is constantly under attack and yet still seeks peace. They know that the American and Israeli alliance must remain strong if the West is to fend off existential threats.

Their words and actions shine brightly as the darkness descends over schools and campuses. From time to time, we salute these shining examples by awarding the Greater Philadelphia ZOA Education Beacon Award.

Education Beacon Award Recipient

Professor Dr. Jason D. Hill

Dr. Jason D. Hill is a professor of philosophy at DePaul University and an unapologetic supporter of Israel.

Hill's article "The Moral Case For Israel Annexing The West Bank — And Beyond," published in *The Federalist*, struck a nerve in academia. In this article, Hill wrote: "The proper response from Israel should have been to immediately annex the land and make the people there the responsibility of their original political homeland: Jordan.

"There can be no such thing as legitimate 'Palestinian Territory' in a geographic region legally seized in a defensive war instigated by a foreign aggressor. The purpose of war is always to vanquish the enemy. The losers of the war cannot make demands on the victors that the victors themselves would not have been put in the position of meeting had the adversary or enemy not forced the victors into making it in the first place."

Hill concluded: "One cannot admit anti-Semitism devoted to the destruction of Israel into the domain of Jewish civilization. There has to be some semblance of re-shaping the political sensibilities of those outside the historic process. If this is not possible, then we have to admit to their intrinsic humanity, but also, nevertheless, confess to their tragic status as political ballasts."

DePaul students demanded he apologize and called for Hill to be censured. Fellow faculty members passed a resolution condemning him. Those actions did not stop Hill – they made him press harder, demonstrating true academic freedom and revealing the toxins on America's campuses.

Hill came to the United States at the age of 20 from Jamaica, and he says he "has thrived beyond his wildest dreams."

Hill is the author of four books: *We Have Overcome: An Immigrant's Letter to the American People*, *Becoming a Cosmopolitan: What It Means to Be a Human Being in the New Millennium*, *Civil Disobedience and the Politics of Identity: When We Should Not Get Along*, and *Beyond Blood Identities: Posthumanity in the Twenty First Century*.

Professor Hill is president and CEO of the Institute for Immigrant Assimilation. He holds a Ph.D. in philosophy from Purdue University and has been a professional author for more than 30 years. He is a specialist in ethics and American politics and has been published in major magazines. He is a Shillman Journalism Fellow at the David Horowitz Freedom Center and also a contributor to *The Hill*.

Hill has lectured and taught extensively in the United States, Europe and Asia. From 2010-2012, a consortium of four universities in England held a series of conferences devoted to Hill's post-human cosmopolitanism. His scholarly articles have been published in anthologies and journals in Germany, the Czech Republic and The Netherlands. He has been interviewed regularly in various media outlets.

Master of Ceremonies

Gary Erlbaum

We are blessed to have Gary Erlbaum in our community and grateful that once again he is our master-of-ceremonies this evening.

Businessman, philanthropist, raconteur and good soul, he is the patriarch of a family who has touched the lives of so many people in a positive way.

The president of Greentree Properties Corporation, a real estate investment and development firm, Erlbaum has been an officer and director of multiple companies, both public and private.

Erlbaum has just completed a three year stint as vice president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and also is a past chairman of Federation's Israel Advocacy Task Force, founding co-chair of Federation's Israel & Overseas Center and a former member of its board of directors and board of trustees. He is a past member of the board of governors of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem as well as its Task Force on Anti-Semitism. Over the years he has been intimately involved with the Federation Allied Jewish Appeal campaigns and has served as an associate chairman of major gifts. He has served as chairman of the Israel Emergency Campaigns.

Erlbaum has served both as president and chairman of the Jewish Publishing Group, which publishes the *Jewish Exponent* and *Inside* magazine.

He is also past chairman of the Philadelphia State of Israel Bonds and served with distinction as the North American Chairman of Israel Bonds Young Leadership.

Erlbaum serves on the boards of the Zionist Organization of America, the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation, Boys Town Jerusalem, the Chevra and the Holocaust Awareness Museum. He is a member of the advisory board of Jerusalem Online University. He has served on the boards of the Jewish Community Centers of Greater Philadelphia, the Solomon Schechter Day School (now Perelman Jewish Day School) and the Shipley School.

National ZOA President Morton A. Klein

Morton A. Klein is National President of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), the oldest pro-Israel group in the U.S., founded in 1897. He is widely regarded as one of the leading Jewish activists in America.

A child of Holocaust survivors, Klein was born in a displaced persons camp in Gunzberg, Germany. He was an economist who served in the Nixon, Ford, and Carter administrations. He has served as a biostatistician at the UCLA School of Public Health and the Linus Pauling Institute of Science and Medicine in Palo Alto, Calif., having worked closely with two-time Nobel Laureate Linus Pauling. He has been a lecturer in mathematics and statistics at Temple University.

Klein is a member of the National Council of AIPAC and a member of the International Board of Governors of Ariel University in Ariel, Israel.

Under Klein's leadership, *The Jerusalem Post* has called the ZOA "one of the most important and influential groups in the U.S. today." *The Wall Street Journal* called the ZOA "heroic and the most credible advocate for Israel on the American Jewish scene today" and added, we should "snap a salute to those who were right about Oslo and Arafat all along, including Morton Klein who was wise, brave, and unflinchingly honest."

Klein's successful campaigns against anti-Israel bias in leading textbooks, travel guides, universities, churches, and the media, as well as his work on Capitol Hill were the subject of 30 feature stories both here and in Israel, including in *The New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times*.

His scientific research on nutrition and heart disease was cited by *Discover* magazine as one of the Top 50 Scientific Studies of 1992. While a health economist in Washington, Klein was also the first to determine and publicize the dangers of annual mammograms for women under the age of 50, changing national policy in this area, including the reduction of radiation emission from mammograms.

Klein has appeared numerous times on TV and radio, including on NBC National News, Jim Lehrer News Hour, O'Reilly Factor, CNN, Fox-TV, The Kelly File with Megyn Kelly, Erin Burnett OutFront, CNBC, MSNBC, NPR, BBC, C-Span, VOA and Israel TV and radio.

He has delivered more than 400 lectures throughout the world including at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, UC/Berkeley, MIT, Columbia, Penn, Michigan, Brandeis, Brigham Young, and at Israel's Hebrew University, Ben-Gurion University and Ariel University. He has also spoken at the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, General Assembly (Federation) meetings, Israel Bonds, B'nai B'rith Canada, Rabbinic Council of America, JCRC's and synagogues from coast to coast, and the U.S. Department of State's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Message From Our Co-Presidents

Welcome fellow Zionists and thank you for joining us this evening to recognize some preeminent supporters of Israel and to help us raise the funds needed to defend Israel and the Jewish people for another year.

This past year was chock full of victories. The Trump Administration announced U.S. recognition of Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights; designated Iran's IRGC as a foreign terrorist org; backed Israel 100% during Hamas rocket attacks; and supported Israel's barring entry into Israel of anti-Semitic, BDS promoting members of congress. The U.S. Congress passed an anti-BDS resolution with a supermajority. These developments are all in the bailiwick of things the ZOA works hard to promote.

The ZOA is America's oldest pro-Israel Jewish defense organization. Since 1897, ZOA has been a fearless, determined and outspoken advocate — at first for the right of Jews to reclaim their ancestral homeland and live in a sovereign and secure Israel, and today, to defend and keep it. By necessity, the ZOA's role on the global stage has expanded dramatically. The ZOA's Center for Law and Justice fights anti-Semitism and bigotry, protecting Jewish and pro-Israel students from discrimination, harassment, and violence, defends the rights of victims of terror, and promotes the creation of laws that defend the rights of the Jewish people to live in Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria and Hebron, and so much more. The ZOA has always stood at the forefront as Israel's staunchest advocacy group in the U.S., tirelessly fighting from college campuses to Capitol Hill, from the community lectern, to fighting BDS — all because of your support.

By being here tonight you are making possible the work we do. The accomplishments that I've enumerated are your accomplishments. Because without your support, none of them would be possible and we thank you for your continued support. It's needed more than ever with both Israel and the Jewish People continue to fight for their very right to exist.

I'd like to extend a special thanks to our Christian Zionist friends who continue to faithfully have our backs. It gives us great comfort to know that we are not alone.

Finally, a huge thank you to our tireless staff including Steve Feldman, our tireless executive director, who does not know the meaning of 9-5, and who's commitment to defend Israel and the Jewish people is awe inspiring.

ZOA is both a think tank and a battle tank, and we need your help to refuel the tank for another year of fighting for Israel and the Jewish people. Help us fight injustice and bigotry; not only to right the wrongs, but also to pro-actively advance the interests of Israel and the Jewish people; to further the special relationship between the U.S. and it's greatest ally in the Middle East: the only Jewish state, Israel. *Chaverim*: Thank you! *Chazak, chazak, v'nizchazaik!*

Lee Bender and Kevin Ross

Message From the Gala Chairpersons

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia Chapter's 9th annual Gala. We thank you for your participation tonight, your commitment to support ZOA and your unwavering love and support for Israel.

We are privileged to be able to recognize our honorees before an audience with such a strong commitment to Israel through their words and actions. This year's honorees — individually and as a group are —people to look up to, while up at the podium and after this evening has ended. We congratulate Malka Kantor-Rapkin, Cliff Rieders, Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch and Professor Jason Hill on this milestone and are grateful that we will continue to benefit from their talents and efforts.

Our Gala is Greater Philadelphia ZOA's chief yearly fundraising event, and each year there are a myriad of tasks and details that have to be accomplished to make this Gala a success. There are no words to demonstrate the level of gratitude to the many people who have given their time and their talent to craft tonight into the exceptional experience that we will enjoy. We cannot thank them enough for their tireless efforts and wholehearted devotion: Steve Feldman, our executive director; his office assistant; and Gala coordinator Ruth Shaw. To our volunteers, both here tonight and who work throughout the year, a heartfelt תודה רבה (thank you)! You are the driving force behind ZOA, and we could not do this without your enthusiasm and dedication.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to the businesses, institutions, and individuals whose generosity and solidarity you see throughout this Tribute Book and Ad Journal. Please take note of these supporters of Israel and ZOA and support their services and products. We also thank the elected and appointed officials who have also extended greetings herein.

We warmly invite you all to continue to work with ZOA in our common efforts to help Israel so that the Jewish state may go from strength to strength, and that the special U.S.-Israel relationship remain iron-clad. With your help, all of ZOA's energies are focused on educating our youth, developing new initiatives and reaching out to the region's broader Jewish Community to fulfill the goals of a safer, more secure, and more prosperous Jewish State of Israel.

Howard Katzoff, chairman

Heather Berman, co-chair • Eleanor Weinglass, co-chair

Message From the Executive Director

Welcome to Greater Philadelphia ZOA's 2019 Gala.

The Zionist Organization of America. You have seen our name countless times — but how often do you consider the individual words that comprise our name?

“Zionist”: A misunderstood and maligned word, it is simply one who believes the Jewish People have the right to self-determination in our homeland with peace and security — and who works to achieve those aims. Yes, in 1948, the nation of Israel declared independence but rather than “And they lived happily ever after,” instead, the surrounding Arab armies tried to annihilate the Jews. Israel still fights that war of independence. Israel is strong, but daily it faces internal and external attacks. Iran is an existential threat. Many of the nations that voted at the U.N. for the creation of a Jewish State in 1947 seem to want to undo it. Some boycott Jewish goods; others recognize a “Palestinian” state which wants to destroy Israel; others fund anti-Israel propaganda or NGOs. Yet we Zionists press on, exposing and combatting it all, along with media bias, academic malfeasance and sadly, anti-Zionist and anti-Israel forces within the Jewish community — while explaining the Jewish People’s legal and historic rights to the land.

“Of America”: Yes, we are proud, patriotic, staunch, loyal Americans. We love both flags on the lapel pins we wear. As Louis D. Brandeis said a century ago: “Let no American imagine that Zionism is inconsistent with Patriotism. Multiple loyalties are objectionable only if they are inconsistent.” Brandeis was ZOA president and later a U.S. Supreme Court justice. We recognize the importance to both nations of a strong, vibrant, mutually beneficial relationship; we recognize that throughout most of Israel’s history, America has had Israel’s back at the U.N. and elsewhere — particularly during the Trump era. We are grateful President Trump moved the United States Embassy where it belongs: Jerusalem, the undivided and eternal capital of Israel. With G-d’s help and diligent work, the relationship will become unbreakable.

“Organization”: “Strength in numbers” has proven powerful. It is your numbers — each of you — who strengthen ZOA and give us the wherewithal to accomplish great things. Your participation as members; as advocates and activists; by attending events; by volunteering advances all that we do for Israel, America and the Jewish People. Your donations — as a board member or donor-society member or basic member — give us the fuel to have events, produce vital literature and materials, and have an office and a staff to do all of the above. Brandeis again: “Your own self-respect, your own duty demands that you join a Zionist organization because without organization, without a great and perfected organization the cause which brings us here this evening cannot succeed.”

Greater Philadelphia ZOA needs you to contribute as much as you can of your time, energy, ideas, skills and yes, finances. I know you are aware of the challenges Israel, Zionism and Jewry face in the world and unimaginably, here in America — and the challenges America itself faces. ZOA is one of the few — and at times the only — group that fearlessly and relentlessly speaks out on behalf of a strong Israel; a strong America; a strong Jewish community. Help us do even more. Help us reach even more. Want to know more about ZOA and what we do in the region and throughout America? Ask me.

I am grateful for our lay leaders — each is a volunteer — as well as our many other volunteers who help throughout the year. I also thank my office assistant as well as our Gala coordinator, Ruth Shaw. A special thanks to Gala Chairman Howard Katzoff and National ZOA President Mort Klein. I also sincerely thank our advertisers and donors. L’Shana Tova to you and your loved ones!

Steve

Thank you

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- ◆ Mort Klein
- ◆ Lee Bender and Kevin Ross and the other Officers, Board and Executive Committee of Greater Philadelphia ZOA
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If anyone's name was inadvertently omitted, we apologize.

If you would like to volunteer or get more involved to further the goals of our organization as we strive to help Israel, strengthen the mutually beneficial U.S.-Israel relationship and safeguard the Jewish community, please call the Philadelphia ZOA

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GREETINGS:

It is my pleasure to join with the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia Chapter to recognize this year's honorees: Malka Kantor-Rapkin, Pillar of the Community Award; Cliff Rieders, Defender of Israel Award; Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch, Guardian of Israel Award; and Professor Jason Hill, Education Beacon Award.

Pennsylvania has a rich history of remarkable individuals who have made noteworthy contributions to the commonwealth. Through your proven commitment to Pennsylvania, you have exemplified the values and traditions of the commonwealth. Your dedication to the pro-Israel education, advocacy, and outreach to the community has been evident throughout your career. I applaud your efforts and express my gratitude for dedicating your time and talents to improving relationships with the Israeli community. From your impressive professional achievements to your extensive community involvement, you have undoubtedly inspired others to follow in your footsteps for many years to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am pleased to recognize your innumerable contributions. Please accept my best wishes for continued success.



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TOM WOLF
Governor
September 24, 2019



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PHILIP D. MURPHY
GOVERNOR

September 24, 2019

Dear Friends,

I consider it an honor and privilege to welcome all those in attendance for the Greater Philadelphia Chapter-Zionist Organization of American's *2019 Gala*.

The State of New Jersey is proud to be home to one of the largest Jewish populations in our Nation; whose unique culture, history, and traditions enhances and contributes greatly to our social and economic fabric. Since 1897, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of ZOA has served the region with steadfast advocacy and education meant to celebrate and strengthen the friendship that exists between the United States and Israel. As Governor, I applaud the ZOA for their hard work and dedication to their members and the entire Jewish community.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate this year's distinguished honorees: Cliff Rieders, Malka Kantor-Rapkin, and Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch, for their outstanding work in supporting and promoting the ideals for which the organization stands.

Best wishes for a memorable event.

My very best,


Philip D. Murphy
Governor



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JOHN CARNEY
GOVERNOR

September 24, 2019

Dear Guests and Honorees,

Welcome to the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia District's 2019 Gala. This is a fitting celebration of ZOA's many contributions to the Jewish community, and you should be proud of all you've done to promote Israel and strengthen America's critical alliance with the Jewish state.

Throughout its history, the Zionist Organization of America has been a strong voice for Jewish Americans, the protection and security of the Jewish state, and the special friendship and alliance between Israel and the United States. This year's honorees, Malka Kantor-Rapkin, Cliff Rieders, Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch, and Dr. Jason D. Hill have all demonstrated a remarkable commitment to these important goals and the Jewish community. As Governor of Delaware, I am proud to join in recognizing them for their achievements.

Once again, congratulations to this year's honorees and on your annual gala. Thank you for your continued dedication to Israel and the Jewish community in our region. I wish you all the best for the future.

Sincerely,

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John C. Carney
Governor, State of Delaware



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.
PENNSYLVANIA

August 28, 2019

Dear Friends,

I write to extend my best wishes to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America as it celebrates America and Israel at its 2019 Gala.

During a time of increasing global division and discord, it is more important than ever to stand up for the ideals – democracy, self-determination, human rights and equality of opportunity – which are the foundation of the unbreakable bond between Israel and America. At a time when too many nations and leaders urge their citizens to turn inward toward intolerance and division, more than ever we need to stress the ideals that advance the cause of freedom at home and abroad.

On the occasion of your 2019 Gala, I am grateful for the opportunity to join the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America in celebrating the United States and Israel relationship.

Sincerely,

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Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator

PATRICK J. TOOMEY
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September 24, 2019

Zionist Organization of America
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Dear Friends and Supporters of Israel,

It is my pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to this year's attendees of the 2019 Gala of the Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia District. Since its founding 122 years ago, the ZOA has been one of the strongest and most effective voices for the State of Israel. Now more than ever, ZOA's work to offer the true facts and history of Israel and the Middle East is essential. I would like to recognize and thank its members for their continued commitment and dedication to the organization over the years.

I would also like to congratulate the Philadelphia ZOA and tonight's honorees. Malka Kantor-Rapkin will receive the Pillar of the Community Award, Cliff Rieders will be recognized with the Defender of Israel Award and Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch is this year's Guardian of Israel honoree. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to raising awareness about America and one of its closest allies, Israel.

Once again, I would like to recognize and thank tonight's honorees, attendees and the Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia District for their tremendous support of Israel and the Jewish Community.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey
U.S. Senator

THOMAS R. CARPER
DELAWARE



September 24, 2019

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Zionist Organization of America – Greater Philadelphia Chapter as you celebrate your annual Tribute Gala, and extend warm greetings to everyone gathered.

As the oldest pro-Israel organization in the United States, the ZOA has made vital contributions to our nation's culture and society. Through education, outreach and leadership, your work extends and brings both energy and a richness to every life you touch. Please accept my personal thanks not only for your service, but for your presence as a positive force in the community.

Best wishes for an enjoyable event. May you celebrate many in the years to come!

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Thomas R. Carper
United States Senator

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July 23, 2019

Zionist Organization of America
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Dear Friends,

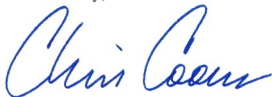
It is my sincere honor to congratulate the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia Chapter on the celebration of its upcoming annual gala on September 24, 2019.

Since its founding in 1897, the Zionist Organization of America has represented Jewish Americans and promoted a continued commitment to our ally, Israel. The ZOA Greater Philadelphia District advances these goals in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and my home state of Delaware. I want to thank the organization for these efforts.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to this year's honorees: Cliff Rieders, Malka Kantor-Rapkin, and Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch. These men and women have proven to be dedicated activists for both the security of the local Jewish American community and the vital state of Israel. I join the organization in congratulating them for this important work.

As a United States Senator, I share ZOA's commitment to Israel and the mutually beneficial relationship between the Americans and Israelis. On this night of great celebration for your organization, I wish you all *mazel tov*.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Coons
United States Senator

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Congress of the United States
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August 23, 2019

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of honorees at this year's Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America annual Gala. This is well deserved recognition, given the countless hours all of the recipients have worked on behalf of the Jewish community here in the United States and in Israel.

Since 1897, the ZOA has worked tirelessly to help establish the state of Israel and to ensure that that great state now in existence continues to be a strong and secure nation, and that the special bond between the government and people of the United States and Israel remains unshakeable. ZOA's thriving chapter in the Philadelphia area is a testament to the deep and powerful relationship between the City of Brotherly love and Israel. It is the commitment and dedication of its membership which allows the organization to fulfill its noble ambitions, and so it is only right and proper to recognize their contributions on this auspicious occasion.

It is my privilege to congratulate Cliff Rieders as the Defender of Israel Award honoree, Malka Kantor-Rapkin as the Pillar of the Community Award honoree, and Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch as the Guardian of Israel Award honoree.

Once again, please accept my congratulations on your awards and I hope you have a wonderful evening at the Gala. I look forward to continuing to work with all of you and the ZOA.

Sincerely,

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Brendan F. Boyle
Member of Congress



September 24, 2019

Mr. Steve Feldman, Executive Director
Zionist Organization of American, Greater Philadelphia Chapter
1 Belmont Avenue, Suite 601
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Dear Mr. Feldman:

Congratulations and warm wishes to you and the honorees being recognized at the Zionist Organization of America-Greater Philadelphia Chapter's 2019 Gala.

To the honorees, I applaud you for your commitment and service to your communities. You are leaders in the fields of law, business, education, and spirituality. May you continue to work for a more peaceful, inclusive, and just world.

Zionist Organization of America-Greater Philadelphia Chapter has served the region for many years as an advocate for the American Jewish community and a bridge to Jewish culture. Your presence in the Philadelphia area is noteworthy and I congratulate tonight's milestone.

Again, I wish you all the best with your future works.

Sincerely,

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Madeleine Dean
Member of Congress
4th Congressional District, Pennsylvania



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August 20, 2019

Mr. Steve Feldman
Executive Director
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Greetings Mr. Feldman:

It is with great privilege and honor that I extend greetings to you and your organization in recognition of the *Zionist Organization of America, Greater Philadelphia Chapter 2019 Gala!*

As your organization celebrates its anniversary this year, I commend Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), Greater Philadelphia on the service you provide to your community.

ZOA, Greater Philadelphia's mission of offering cultural insights and history of Israel and the Middle East allows for all communities to learn about and appreciate Israel's many good works.

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to this year's Gala Awards honorees! Cliff Rieders, Malka Kantor-Rapkin, and Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch.

I am excited to celebrate this milestone event with ZOA, Greater Philadelphia. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to those attending your Gala and visiting our city for this momentous occasion.

Again, my sincere congratulations on this important event.

Sincerely,

Dwight Evans
Member of Congress

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August 19, 2019

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the 1st Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I would like to extend my greetings to the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia Chapter and all its members. Thank you for the work you do in our community and around the country to foster the strong and resilient U.S. - Israel relationship.

As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, I am proud to stand as a steadfast supporter of the nation of Israel. Not only is Israel a precious ally of the United States, but it is also the rightful homeland of the Jewish people. In addition, I am proud to stand alongside the ZOA and organizations like them in their ongoing fight against anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias.

I would like to personally congratulate this year's award winners: Cliff Rieders - recipient of the *Defender of Israel Award*, Malka Kantor-Rapkin - recipient of the *Pillars of the Community Award*, and Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch - recipient of the *Guardian of Israel Award*. I sincerely appreciate your efforts and commend you for your commitment to strengthening the Jewish community and supporting the invaluable relationship our nation shares with the state of Israel.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Zionist Organization of America in the future. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you in the United States Congress.

Sincerely,

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Brian Fitzpatrick
Member of Congress



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DAN MEUSER
9TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

August 22, 2019

Dear Friends,

It is my honor to welcome you to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America's 2019 Gala, and I extend my sincerest gratitude to ZOA for their exceptional leadership in our community and enduring dedication to our nation's friendship with Israel. This evening is an opportunity to recognize ZOA's numerous accomplishments over its 122-year history and celebrate the special relationship between our country and Israel.

This August, I made my first visit to Israel. I was enthralled by the country's incredible history and resilience, which continues to be a defining characteristic of the Jewish State. More than 70 years since its establishment, Israel continues to face military threats, terrorism, and efforts to undermine its economy, like the BDS movement. Allies like your organization are necessary now more than ever.

I want to especially congratulate Cliff Rieders and Malka Kantor-Rapkin, this year's honorees, for their exceptional commitment to your important mission. By connecting Israel and the United States ever more closely, we can ensure the vibrancy of our American-Jewish community and the strength of our relationship with Israel, our most important ally in the Middle East.

Again, thank you for your commitment to Israel. I wish you continued strength as a community, and I promise to remain a strong friend to the Jewish community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dan Meuser', written over a faint circular stamp.

DAN MEUSER
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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure to welcome you to the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA)-Greater Philadelphia District's 2019 Annual Gala. This night provides the community with an important opportunity to honor our distinguished guests, Cliff Rieders, Malka Kantor-Rapkin and, Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch, for their leadership in the Greater Philadelphia area.

Since 1897, ZOA's education efforts, grassroots outreach, and government advocacy have played a vital role to bring us closer to peace in the Middle East. As a strong supporter of the enduring U.S.-Israeli partnership, I understand the importance of organizations like Greater Philadelphia ZOA supporting efforts to improve the well-being of all Jewish people.

Tonight's honorees are recognized for their exemplary leadership within the Greater Philadelphia area's Jewish community. It is fitting that we honor their tireless and selfless efforts to support the ZOA-Greater Philadelphia District's mission to strengthen our U.S.-Israel friendship.

Thank you to the ZOA-Greater Philadelphia District, the honorees, and all of you in attendance for your positive contributions to our community. I wish each of you an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

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Lloyd Smucker
Member of Congress

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September 24, 2019

Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia Chapter
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Dear Gala Attendees:

Congratulations on the celebration of your 2019 Gala. In the Greater Philadelphia area, the Zionist Organization of America has acted as a passionate advocate and educator. We are proud to count a group engaged in such active outreach amongst our neighbors.

In honoring Cliff Rieders, Malka Kantor-Rapkin, Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch and Jason Hill, the Zionist Organization of America has recognized admirable community leaders. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to raising awareness and working towards peace.

I wish the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia Chapter much growth and success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Wild". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Susan Wild
U.S. Representative (PA-07)

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August 20, 2019

Zionist Organization of America Greater
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Dear Friends,

I am pleased to extend my kind regards as you gather for the Zionist Organization of America, Greater Philadelphia Chapter's 2019 Gala.

For over a century, the Zionist Organization of America has been a respected defender of the Jewish State and has worked to advance the United States-Israel relationship. Thank you, to the stakeholders in all capacities for your assurance and dedication to the organizations' strong mission.

I would like to give special thanks to this year's Honorees, Mr. Rieders, Mrs. Kantor-Rapkin and Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch for their tireless efforts to improve their community and their commitments to the goals of the Zionist Organization of America.

Again, I thank you for your work and hope you enjoy continued success in the year to come.

Sincerely,



Donald Norcross
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Steve Feldman
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Greater Philadelphia Chapter
One Belmont Ave., Suite 324
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Dear Mr. Feldman:

I am writing to you to congratulate you, and your honorees, on the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America 2019 Gala, which will take place on September 24. This gala will be a wonderful event, which will be a celebration of America and Israel and an opportunity for patriotic Americans to come together to honor individuals who have been especially active. It will also raise awareness about America and our ally Israel.

The Zionist Organization of America was founded in 1897. Through May 1948, it has worked passionately for the re-establishment of the Jewish state of Israel. Since Israel gained independence, they have worked just as passionately for a strong, secure and vibrant Jewish state of Israel; to bolster the mutually beneficial U.S.-Israel relationship; and to safeguard the American Jewish community. You do this utilizing education, advocacy, and outreach. There is no other local organization that has their record of accomplishments, dedication, and commitment.

I would also like to congratulate this year's honorees. Cliff Rieders is the Defender of Israel Award honoree. He is a partner in the Williamsport law firm of Rieders, Travis, Humphrey, Waters & Dohrmann. Cliff was the first president of Citizens for Consumer Justice and has written articles for numerous publications. Malka Kantor-Rapkin is the Pillar of the Community Award honoree. She was born in Tel Aviv prior to Israeli independence and travels annually to Israel to keep close ties with her family and friends. Malka has dedicated her time, talent and resources to support Jewish organizations and causes with connection to Israel. Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch is the Guardian of Israel Award honoree. He is the spiritual leader and founding rabbi of Mekor Habracha/Center City Synagogue in Philadelphia. Since Mekor's establishment over a decade ago, Rabbi Hirsch has presided over the synagogue's rapid growth and significant contributions to the flourishing Center City Jewish community.

Congratulations and best wishes on your upcoming gala. Thank you for all that you for the American Jewish community. Please do not hesitate to contact me should I be of any assistance to you in the future. I hope you have a happy and healthy summer season.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Van Drew".

Jeff Van Drew
United States Congressman NJ2



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JAMES F. KENNEY
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September 24, 2019

Dear Friends:


It is a pleasure to send a hearty Mazal Tov to the members of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America for your 2019 gala, which you will celebrate on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. It will be an enlightening evening for your members to celebrate America and Israel and the special bond between these two nations.

The City of Philadelphia is enormously proud of the rich diversity of its residents and encourages all of them to never lose sight of their cultural identity. We are appreciative of all organizations such as yours who have the mission to connect members of the public with their homeland through a variety of ways.

I am pleased to recognize and congratulate this evening's honorees: Malka Kantor-Rapkin (Pillar of the Community Award), Cliff Rieders (Defender of Israel Award), Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch (Guardian of Israel Award), and Professor Jason D. Hill (Education Beacon Award). This is a special night for you and an opportune time to reflect and revel in your many efforts and accomplishments as well as the great impact you have made in our region.

On behalf of the City of Philadelphia, I congratulate you again on a very special evening and wish you well as you continue your outstanding work with our vibrant Jewish community.

Best Regards,


James F. Kenney
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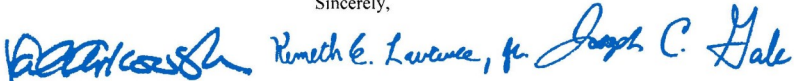
Please accept our congratulations on the occasion of the 2019 Gala of the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia. The Gala will be an opportunity to come together to honor individuals who have been especially active in their efforts to raise awareness about America and our ally Israel.

We would also like to recognize this year's honorees: Malka Kantor-Rapkin, who will receive the Pillar of the Community Award; Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch, who will receive the Guardian of Israel Award; and Cliff Rieders, who will receive the Defender of Israel Award.

The Zionist Organization of America is the oldest pro-Israel organization in the United States and has a long and significant history nationally and in Montgomery County. Under the leadership of such illustrious presidents as Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and current National President Morton A. Klein, the ZOA has been on the front lines of Jewish activism.

We commend all of you here today for your dedication to education, advocacy, and outreach and your commitment to fight anti-Semitism and foster the important relationship between America and Israel.

Sincerely,



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GABRIEL J. CAMPANA Ed.D.

August 14, 2019

Dear Zionist Organization of Greater Philadelphia Chapter:

It is an honor and privilege to write this congratulatory letter for this year's honoree, Cliff Rieders, from the great City of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Mr. Rieders is a partner in the Williamsport law firm of Rieders, Travis, Humphrey, Waters and Dohrmann. In addition, he was past president of the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, the Pennsylvania Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the American Law Institute, etc. He is an author and is a nationally known public orator. His keen mind is unparalleled.

As Mayor of Williamsport for the past 12 years, I have had the privilege to work with Cliff on an array of projects. He is an intelligent, hardworking team player. He is a conscientious citizen and is always willing to help others. His willingness to perform pro bono legal work resulted in the 50 million dollar William Street development. This signature project resulted in the nation's first Kohl's Department store in a downtown setting. Without Cliff's assistance, this project and additional synergy would not have taken place. Cliff is a wonderful man and I thank you for recognizing such a good person. We are proud of him. As a friend of the State of Israel, I wish you great success during the Greater Philadelphia Chapter's 2019 Gala. Thank you for your continued work in educating citizens the importance of a strong US/Israel relationship.

Sincerely,

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September 24, 2019

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my personal greetings, through the pages of this journal, to all those in attendance at the Zionist Organization of America: Greater Philadelphia's 2019 Gala.

The Zionist Organization of America has and continues to hold a critical position in preserving and strengthening the State of Israel for over 120 years. From promoting pro-Israel legislation, to stimulating Israel advocacy on campuses, to confronting anti-Israel bias in the media, the ZOA of Greater Philadelphia clearly shows true commitment to their beliefs. The members of the ZOA of Greater Philadelphia fight for what they value and the people of Israel feel the effects of their efforts, each and every day. We know that whatever the future may hold, the ZOA will always be a leader in its support for the only free and democratic State in the Middle East.

The great vision of the ZOA of Greater Philadelphia could never have been realized without the many dedicated individuals who contribute much of their time and resources towards carrying out their mission. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate tonight's honorees: Malka Kantor-Rapkin, recipient of the Pillar of the Community Award, Cliff Rieders, recipient of the Defender of Israel Award, Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch, recipient of the Guardian of Israel Award and Professor Jason Hill, recipient of the Education Beacon Award. As we celebrate the achievements of this wonderful organization, I congratulate each of these deserving honorees on their prestigious awards and thank them for their service to our community and our people.

On behalf of the State of Israel, I wish you all the best and thank you for your devotion and commitment to our future.

Sincerely,



Ambassador Dani Dayan
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Garry Miller

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Congratulations to all tonight's honorees

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**Congratulations to the 2019
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Malka Kantor-Rapkin

Cliff Rieders

Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch

Professor Jason Hill

**Particular thanks are due to the Zionist
Organization of America and the
Greater Philadelphia Chapter for being
a consistent source of knowledge and
truth during challenging times.**

**With sincere appreciation and thanks,
Jerome I. Marcus, MD**

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Congratulations to this year's honorees!

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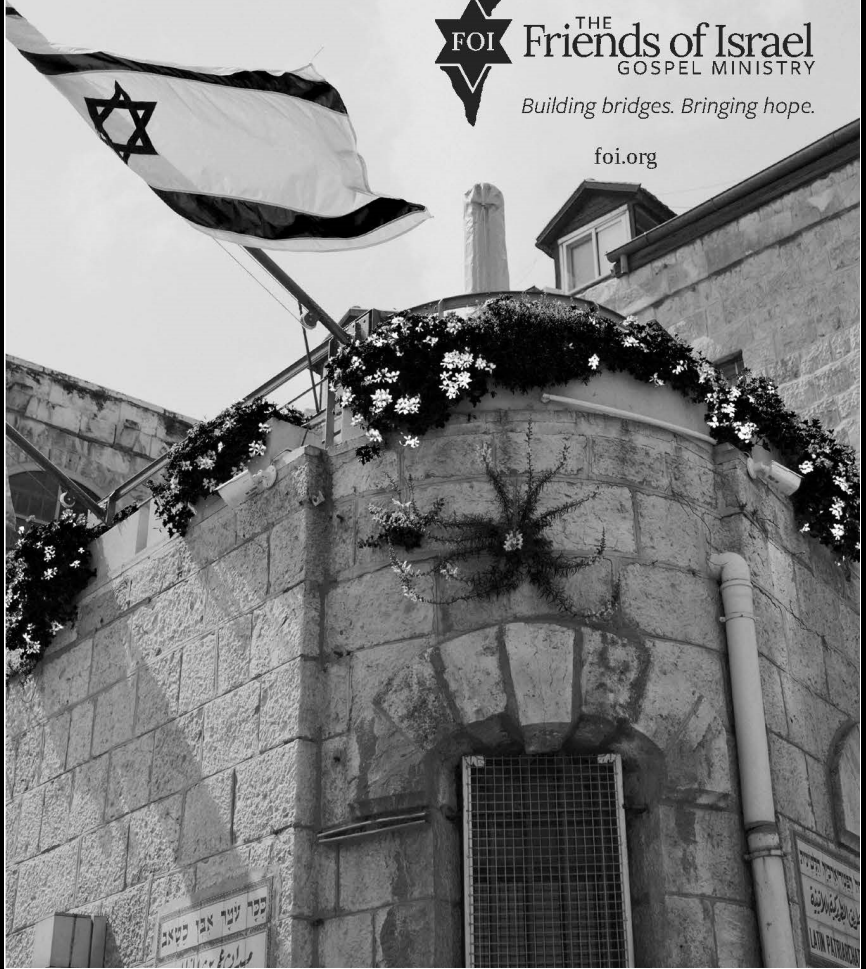
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*May you all go from strength to strength, and
continue your advocacy and activism for a safe
and secure Jewish State of Israel.*

Howard Katzoff

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IN HONOR OF ALL THE ESTEEMED HONOREES

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Speech to the 21st Zionist Congress, Basel 1937

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and Miriam the strength to
persevere, the ability to achieve
your aspirations, and the good
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deserve.

With deep love and admiration,
Mom, Dad, and Hanna

Congratulations
Clifford
on being chosen
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to achieve, and the will to share your
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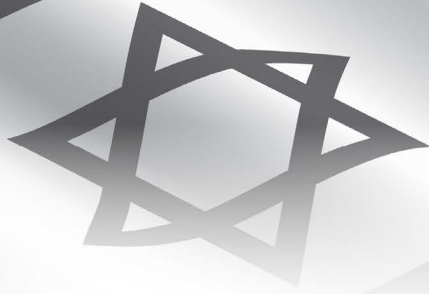
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A special thank you to our dear friend, Malka Kantor, for bringing the ZOA into our lives. We appreciate your energetic inspiration to do as much as possible for the cause of Zionism, and more broadly, תיקון עולם .

Malka is a true Pillar of the Community.

To our new friend, Professor Jason Hill, the 2019 recipient of the **Education Beacon Award**, you are a great example of what President Reagan meant when he proclaimed, "America is a shining city upon a hill whose beacon light guides freedom-loving people everywhere." You arrived here at the age of twenty to live the American Dream. Your academic achievements and success as a tenured professor are the result of hard work and personal fortitude. This same determination drives your support of Zionism and the fight for academic freedom despite the rancor and threats you must cope with every day.

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Mazel Tov to all of tonight's honorees.

*Congratulations and a big hug to
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great supporter of Jewish causes and Israel!*

Love,

Lynne & Abelardo Lechter

Congratulations to the honorees on
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Thank you to
Professor Jason D. Hill
for your courage in speaking up & fighting
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Kol Ha Kavod to the honorees this year:

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Mazel tov to each honoree, with
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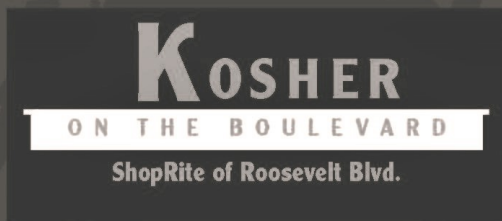
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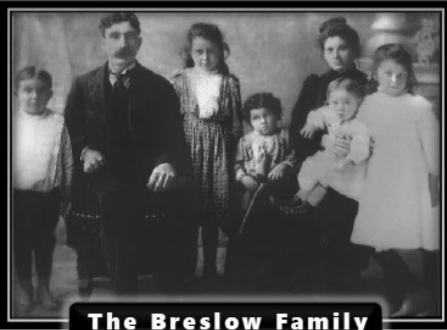
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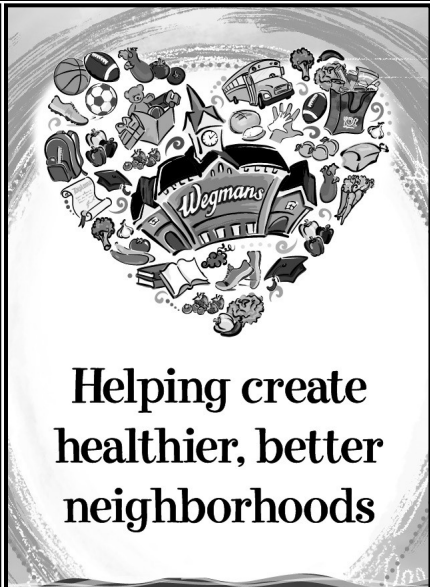


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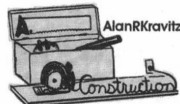
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