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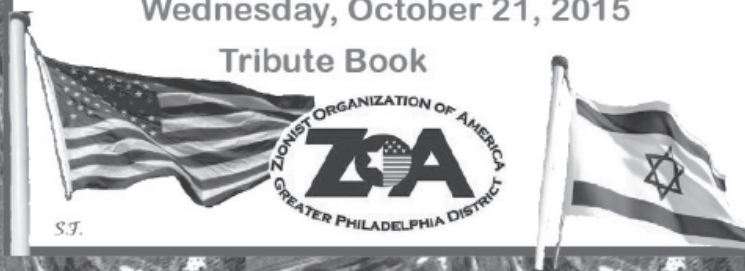
**Honoring**

**Rabbi Ira Budow & Dr. Susan Fuchs  
Jack Engelhard  
Howard & Patti Klein Katzoff  
Shani Weiss**



**Wednesday, October 21, 2015**

**Tribute Book**





### "The Star-Spangled Banner"

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

### Hatikva

Kol od balevav p'nimah כל עוד בלבב פנימה

Nefesh Yehudi homiyah נפש יהודי הומיה

Ulfa'atey mizrach kadimah ולפאתי מזרח קדימה

Ayin l'tzion tzofiyah עין לציון צופיה

Od lo avdah tikvatenu עוד לא אבדה תקותנו

Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim התקוה בת שנות אלפים

L'hiyot am chofshi b'artzenu להיות עם חופשי בארצנו

Eretz Tzion v'Yerushalayim ארץ ציון וירושלים

As long as in the heart within,  
The Jewish soul yearns,  
And toward the eastern edges,  
onward, an eye gazes toward Zion.  
Our hope is not yet lost,  
The hope that is two  
thousand years old,  
To be a free nation in our land,  
The Land of Zion, 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, Thru the night  
with a light from above.  
From the mountains,  
to the prairies,  
To the oceans, white with  
foam  
G-d bless America,  
My home sweet home.

*Prayer for the State of Israel*  
Our Father who is in heaven,  
Protector and Redeemer of  
Israel, bless the State of  
Israel, the dawn of our  
deliverance. Shield it  
beneath the wings of Your  
love; spread over it Your  
canopy of peace; send Your  
light and Your truth to its  
leaders, officers, and  
counselors, & direct them  
with Your good counsel.  
Strengthen the defenders of  
our Holy Land; grant them,  
our God, salvation and  
crown them with victory.  
Establish peace in the land,  
and everlasting joy for its  
inhabitants.

Remember our brethren, the whole house of Israel, in all the lands of their dispersion. Speedily bring them to Zion, Your city, to Jerusalem Your dwelling-place, as it is written in the Torah of Your servant Moses: "Even if you are dispersed in the uttermost parts of the world, from there the Lord your God will gather and fetch you. The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your ancestors possessed, and you shall possess it; and God will make you more prosperous and more numerous than your ancestors." Unite our hearts to love and revere Your name, and to observe all the precepts of Your Torah. Speedily send us Your righteous Messiah of the House of David, to redeem those waiting for Your salvation. Shine forth in Your glorious majesty over all the inhabitants of Your world. Let everything that breathes proclaim: "The Lord God of Israel is King; His majesty rules over all." Amen. Selah.



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**TRIBUTE GALA**

October 21, 2015

HILTON PHILADELPHIA CITY AVENUE

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JACK ENGELHARD  
HOWARD & PATTI KLEIN KATZOFF  
SHOSHANA "SHANI" WEISS**

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the Zionist Organization of America - Greater Philadelphia District's 2015 Gala. The Gala Committee has selected another worthy group of honorees. We are heartened by their work and we thank them for all that they do for Israel and the Jewish people. Rabbi Ira Budow and his wife, Dr. Susan Fuchs; Jack Engelhard; Shani Weiss; and ZOA's own Howard Katzoff and Patti Klein Katzoff: Each of you is a role model.

While we enjoy this festive evening, lurking is the knowledge of increased deadly Palestinian-Arab attacks against Israeli civilians, growing incitement and threats against Israelis and Jews everywhere, hostility from governments around the world including our own and the potentially catastrophic manifestations of the Iran deal. Yet through it all, ZOA remains strong and steadfast and continues to speak out in the boldest of terms and take action that is unmatched.

While we are grateful for your participation tonight in the Gala and your financial support of this Tribute Book, it is urgent that you participate in as many of our events and initiatives as possible, heed our action alerts, and support ZOA throughout the year both financially and with participation. While the news and developments can be frustrating, this is the time for us all to increase our efforts for Israel.

You can count on ZOA to lead the way via our Greater Philadelphia District and other offices throughout the nation, our Israel Office, our Center for Law and Justice, our Campus Activism Network, our Government Relations Department, our Center for Middle East Policy and our staff, lay leaders and members across the country. We count on you to help us grow.

ZOA is the oldest and foremost organization promoting and defending Israel. Please join our organization to bolster our strength to fight for Israel.

**Michael Goldblatt • Morton Klein • Lewis B. Dashe**

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## THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Since its founding in 1897 the Zionist Organization of America has been fighting for the Jewish people and the Land of Israel.

Under the leadership of such illustrious presidents as 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 in Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Long Island, Miami, Milwaukee, North Jersey, Oakland, Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C.

- ◆ 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 Rutgers University, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz, and Columbia University.
- ◆ 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 imposition of sanctions on Syria and Saudi Arabia.
- ◆ 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. Our Young Professionals Division was created with the vision of gathering leaders, visionaries, advocates and supporters to Israel and combining their efforts with those of ZOA for the benefit of Israel.

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



## ZOA's Greater Philadelphia District

We have been relentless in promoting, supporting and defending Israel throughout our region with activities and initiatives to educate, advocate and reach out on behalf of the people and land of Israel.

Our recent activities have included:

- ◆ Encouraging persistent calls, letters and emails to lawmakers throughout the region urging opposition to the Iran “deal;”
- ◆ Offering presentations and making speeches on Israel, the peace process and media bias;
- ◆ Hosting screenings of the documentary “Body and Soul”;
- ◆ Meeting with lawmakers and candidates in Washington and locally;
- ◆ Making sure Zionism and pro-Israel activism is at the forefront of Jewish communal establishment;
- ◆ Leading the regional “Buy Israel” effort, now in its sixth year;
- ◆ Working with students on area campuses;
- ◆ Monitoring, analyzing and responding to media bias;
- ◆ Being interviewed on area radio shows, radio and TV news and in newspapers;
- ◆ Having articles and letters by our leadership published in a *variety of local, national and international publications*, and interacting on social media;
- ◆ Monitoring and challenging anti-Israel speakers;
- ◆ Staging regular pro-Israel counter-demonstrations outside of the Israeli Consulate for the past 14 years;
- ◆ Partnering with Jewish and Christian groups to promote Israel;
- ◆ Sending large delegations to National ZOA's Washington Mission and Brandeis Dinner
- ◆ Holding free quarterly meetings featuring prominent speakers; and
- ◆ Serving as a member of the Jewish Community Relations Council and taking part in meetings with the Consul General of Israel.

**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. To learn more, phone us at 610-660-9466, email us at [office@zoaphilly.org](mailto:office@zoaphilly.org) or find us on the Web at [www.zoaphilly.org](http://www.zoaphilly.org).**

**We appreciate every member and every donation.**



## **The ZOA Guardians of Israel Award**

Israel has a strong, courageous and much-admired army. 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, and 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.

These enemies trade in lies and propaganda. Their weapons are 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 the community.

There is also the timeless foe known as complacency.

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

By writing and talking, demonstrating and lobbying, buying goods 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.

They know just the right thing to say to light that spark in an individual or a congregation. Some even take people 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.

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



## **ZOA Guardian of Israel Award Recipients Rabbi Ira Budow and Dr. Susan Fuchs**

Rabbi Ira Budow has been the director of Abrams Hebrew Academy for the past 35 years. He began his tenure at Abrams when the school moved from Trenton, N.J. to Yardley, PA. Rabbi Budow has devoted his entire career to Abrams and has assumed multiple roles at the school at various times. In addition to his administrative duties, he teaches, has also coached the girls' basketball team, and brings his therapy dog, Domino, to school.

Rabbi Budow is a Zionist whose love of Israel encompasses his entire life. He leads the school's campaign each year to send letters from students to Israeli soldiers as Shalach Manot, a program sponsored by ZOA. He has devoted himself not only to teaching children about Israel and Judaism, but to making Israel come alive to his students. That dedication comes to life each year as he leads the 8th grade graduating trip to Israel. Despite having made the trip for almost two decades, his enthusiasm and creativity never flag. He leads the students up the steps to the Kotel and supervises the dedication of a Torah to the IDF from Abrams Hebrew Academy before each graduation, and it is a moving and wonderful example of his love for Israel and the Jewish people.

Dr. Susan Fuchs is a well-respected child and adolescent psychiatrist. She incorporates the use of therapy dogs into her practice and holds a master's certification in that field. The use of therapy dogs as part of the treatment process is part of a well-developed and respected program in Israel, and Dr. Fuchs is an enthusiastic supporter of its efficacy in treating her patients. She is a supporter of the Israel Guide Dog Center for the Blind and has visited the Center while in Israel with the Abrams Hebrew Academy annual 8th grade trip.

She devotes free time to volunteering within the community and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Rescue Mission of Trenton, an agency that serves the truly needy men and women in that community.

Dr. Fuchs previously volunteered her medical services on overseas missions to underdeveloped countries in Latin America and also in Israel as a participant in The American Physicians and Friends for Medicine in Israel. She shares her husband's love of Israel and Zionism.

The couple have been married for 30 years, and together they share three children and one granddaughter.



## **The ZOA Amudei Ha’Kehillah Award**

(Pillars of the Community Award)

Most communities are like a house. A very large house.

Like a house, they have a foundation and many distinct areas, each serving its own purpose. There is an area in public view, and a space that is often unseen by all but a select few.

If the particular community is truly fortunate, it includes pillars to prop it up and lessen the burden on the foundation.

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 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 or 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.

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 in a variety of ways including by allotting time, energy and creativity to the cause of Israel, ZOA and the community at large. It is only fitting that from time to time, ZOA and the community give back by recognizing their good and important deeds.



## **Amudei Ha'Kehillah Award Recipients (Pillars of the Community) Howard and Patti Klein Katzoff**

Patti and Howard Katzoff, from the moment they met, have shared a mutual love for the Jewish State of Israel. They have devoted a great deal of energy to the wellbeing of Eretz Yisrael.

The Katzoffs have visited Israel more times than they can count, well over 40, and their Time Share residence in Jerusalem is their second home. They are also annual participants in ZOA's Purim Mishloach Manot Mission, distributing care packages to more than 9,000 IDF soldiers at a variety of bases. In advance of that mission, the Katzoffs lead a campaign to get Jewish day school students to write thank you letters to the soldiers.

Howard and Patti operated six USA BABY stores in the Philadelphia area for more than 25 years. Howard is a member of the Pennsylvania bar and in his "youth" worked using his chemical engineering background as a corporate and patent attorney. Patti is currently the "Discount Queen 44" of E-Bay, and has an educational background and extensive experience in counseling women.

Howard is a former co-president of ZOA's Greater Philadelphia District and has been chairman of our Gala since its inception. He is a past president of the Congregations of Shaare Shamayim and has served the congregation in many capacities including Capital Campaign chair and Synagogue Merger and Clergy Search chair.

The Katzoffs have been honored by Israel Bonds and were presented with Shaare Shamayim's Lifetime Achievement Award.

They have three children, Karen, Arthur (Heather) and Robert, and four grandchildren, Zoe, Ava, Brody, and Savannah.



## The Future Is Now Award

Many of us are bewildered why it seems that so many young Jews are not interested in Israel and Zionism, or worse: that so many young Jews participate in groups or activities that are actually anti-Zionist and anti-Israel. "How can this be?" we wonder. What kind of parents must they have? What kind of teachers? What kind of rabbi?

Yet there are plenty of young Jews who are engaged -- deeply engaged -- in pro-Israel advocacy and activism. They rarely get the recognition or the spotlight. More established figures tend to get the *koved*.

When we do see these young people doing what we expect all young Jews to do, we *kveil* and we proclaim "They are our future."

Yes, we hope they remain engaged, and we of older generations have to help keep them engaged and active in our movement.

But we must not only think of them as the "future." We must acknowledge that they are doing great things in the present and play an important role today. They deserve the recognition and the *koved* and need to be encouraged.

Thus, "The future is now."

Each one of us can help young Jews to be involved in pro-Israel and Zionist activities. Engage them in conversations about Israel. Ask them what they know and find out what they are learning in school or hearing from their friends or in the media or pop culture — and gently correct wrong information and fill-in knowledge gaps. Mentor them and suggest things they can do, be it posting on social media, helping to inform their friends, contacting lawmakers, monitoring the media and responding to bias and even analyzing their own textbooks and other materials. Help them find Web sites with factual reporting and accurate historical data. Yes, also introduce them to ZOA, bring them to a meeting or along on our annual Washington Advocacy Mission, and purchase a ZOA membership for them as a gift.

Each of us holds the key to a better future for Israel and Zionism and the Jewish community by helping to shape the young people in our lives now.

If you need suggestions for resources or activities, please phone our Office at 610-660-9466.



## **The Future Is Now Award Recipient Shoshana “Shani” Weiss**

Shani Weiss is a recent graduate of Drexel University. While studying towards degrees in Finance and Management Information Systems, she saw a need for a pro-Israel group on campus. So she founded Drexel's first pro-Israel student organization: Dragons for Israel (DFI) in 2010.

DFI hosted more than 75 diverse events for hundreds of students during Shani's tenure at Drexel including a lecture by Brett Stephens of *The Wall Street Journal*, initiating Drexel's annual Israel Peace Week, and creating the Tikvah Fellowship - a six week intensive class introducing students to an in-depth history of Israel.

Weiss began her Israeli activism journey as a freshman in college when she attended the Hasbara Mission to Israel and the CAMERA (Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting in America) Leadership Advocacy Israel trip. Inspired by her travels, Shani continued on as a CAMERA Intern, a Stand With Us Emerson Fellow and a Grinspoon Fellow. She has participated in numerous Israel advocacy training missions and conferences with the ZOA and others around the country.

In 2012, she accepted the national David Bar-Ilan Award on behalf of Dragons for Israel for “Most Outstanding Campus Activism.”

Shani currently works as an investment analyst and continues to look for ways to be involved in Israel activism after Drexel.

We need more like Shani Weiss: Young Jews who have a passion for Israel and are engaged in pro-Israel advocacy and activism as a regular part of their lives.



## The Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism

is awarded annually by the Zionist Organization of America to a journalist, author or commentator whose work best exemplifies the principle that guided Ben Hecht: using one's communication talents in the service of Israel, Zionism and world Jewry.

Previous recipients include David Horowitz, Nonie Darwish, Erick Stakelbeck and Dom Giordano.

Ben Hecht (1894-1964) was a patriotic American who worked tirelessly to save European Jewry from the Nazis, and was a devoted Zionist.

His pageants stirred Americans' souls and inspired people to act.

Early on Hecht was a journalist who covered World War I from Berlin for the *Chicago Daily News*.

A successful Hollywood writer, Hecht penned more than 70 credited and uncredited screenplays. He won two Academy Awards and was nominated for four others. He also penned 35 books and wrote and produced Broadway plays. The screenplays he wrote or contributed to included: "Wuthering Heights," "Notorious," "Gone with the Wind," "Casino Royale," "Cleopatra," "Scarface," "The Sun Also Rises," "A Farewell to Arms," "Guys and Dolls," "Gunga Din," "Let Freedom Ring," "Angels with Dirty Faces," "Stagecoach" and "A Star Is Born."

Among his most important books were: *Perfidy*, *A Jew in Love* and *A Guide for the Bedevilled*. He co-wrote the play "The Front Page."

But it is not for these hits that this prestigious award bears Hecht's name.

As Hitler and Nazi Germany threatened America's European allies and the dangers to European Jewry became known due to the work of Peter Bergson and the Bergson Group, Hecht called attention to the need to help our allies and to try to save Jews. He created articles, plays and pageants to alert and activate the masses.

When America entered World War II, Hecht immediately wrote the production "Uncle Sam Stands Up." In 1943, Hecht assembled top entertainment luminaries and wrote the pro-Jewish pageant, "We Will Never Die," performed at Madison Square Garden and staged in five other cities. After the war, Hecht turned to helping re-establish Israel. He wrote the screenplay for the Bergson Group's production of "A Flag is Born," which opened September 5, 1946 in New York. It raised nearly a half-million dollars for the American League For a Free Palestine (which supported the Irgun). "Hecht helped organize the *Altalena*'s mission to bring weapons and immigrants to Israel," according to Marnie Winston-Macauley.

For more about Ben Hecht, see: [http://www.aish.com/j/sod/\\_of\\_David\\_Ben\\_Hecht.html](http://www.aish.com/j/sod/_of_David_Ben_Hecht.html) and <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0372942/>



## Ben Hecht Award Recipient

### Jack Engelhard

Jack Engelhard is one of those rare writers who consistently simultaneously stirs the mind as well as the emotions — particularly when he is writing about Israel and related issues, which he does quite often in both columns and novels.

Engelhard is perhaps best-known in some circles as the author of the best-selling book *Indecent Proposal*, which was made into a successful film. Both the book and the film became international sensations. Engelhard is known in other circles for his hard-hitting staunchly pro-Israel commentaries.

Engelhard is an American patriot and a lover of Zion. His writings reflect his deep devotions to both.

An the age of four, he was brought to America from occupied France — he was born in Toulouse — after his parents managed to flee Hitler.

Once in America, Engelhard established himself as an author of note. His other books include *The Bathsheba Deadline*, a searing first-hand account of anti-Israel media bias; *Escape From Mount Moriah*, his book of memoirs which received many literary citations and a film from the book was honored at Cannes; *The Days of the Bitter End*; and *The Horsemen*. Reviewer John W. Cassell termed Engelhard “A writer without peer and the conscience of us all.”

Today, he continues to write books.

“Home base” for Engelhard’s journalism is Israel’s Arutz Sheva/Israelnationalnews.com, from where his columns are syndicated throughout the world.

Previously he had a two-decade career at *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, where he shared top prize for excellence in reporting from the AP and from Sigma Delta Chi — the Society of Professional Journalists, and a four-year stint as editor at KYW-Radio in which he led the station to top ratings.

He has also been published by *The New York Times*, *The New York Daily News*, and numerous other leading publications.

Engelhard has served as an American volunteer for the Israel Defense Forces.

Jack is married to Leslie and the couple have two children, David and Rachel.

Website: [www.jackengelhard.com](http://www.jackengelhard.com)



## **Master of Ceremonies**

### **Bart Blatstein**

We are both fortunate and grateful to not only have Bart Blatstein as our master-of-ceremonies tonight, but also as part of our ZOA Family: as a member of Philadelphia ZOA's Board, and a National Assistant Treasurer.

Bart Blatstein is a communal leader, a civic leader and a business leader. He is the CEO Tower Developments, a privately held development company. Under his guidance, Tower Investments has become well known for its aggressive and creative urban investments in major projects, as well as its expertise in all aspects of planning, design, construction, financing and leasing. Most recently, Bart set his development focus on the redevelopment of Northern Liberties and established the neighborhood as the place in Philadelphia, to live, work and play. His redevelopment efforts have created jobs, business opportunities, tax revenues and the impetus for more investment in the Philadelphia. He has also recently been involved in projects in Atlantic City.

In his more than 30 years in the real estate industry, Bart Blatstein has earned the reputation as one of the region's most respected and successful developers. Tower transformed vast tracts of post-industrial properties along Columbus Boulevard into flourishing retail, entertainment, and office development. In Manayunk, his company developed the largest contiguous commercial site along the Schuylkill riverfront.

Blatstein is also very active in array of business, civic and charitable groups. He was a founding member of the Waterfront Developers Council and is a past president of the Jewish Publishing Group board. He serves on the Board of Trustees of Community College of Philadelphia, Temple University's President's Advisory Board and Board of Visitors, the Northeast Treatment Centers, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia where he chairs its Real Estate Division, Israel Bonds and the Technical Assistance Center for Emerging Contractors.

In every sense of the word, Blatstein is a Philadelphian, with passion and vision for the City, its neighborhoods, and its bright future.



## 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. Dept. of State's Distinguished Lecture Series.



## **A Message from Honorary National President Lewis B. Dashe**

In the past, I have occasionally made reference to two quotations: "If you forget the past, you are doomed to repeat your mistakes" and "All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." To this I can now add a third: "These are the times that try men's souls." For the situation facing Israel today is both frightening and infuriating.

Not only is the U.S. committed to giving \$150 billion to Iran, but shockingly, to help Iran protect against any acts of sabotage against its nuclear program. This agreement is with the same ayatollah who, even after the deal was concluded, refers to the United States of America as the "Great Satan" with whom Iran need not have any further contact.

What we must do now is to persistently and consistently increase our efforts, presence and contacts in Washington with our representatives and leaders: That we want them to keep working for changes in interpretation and definitions in the Iran agreement — for the sake of our country, the Middle East and the world as we know it.

In my 96 years, I have perhaps seen and experienced more than my share of anti-Semitism. I have long ago concluded that the world is either openly anti-Semitic or indifferent to the fate of the Jews.

Perhaps under the evidence of the current united front against us, we can finally find the impetus to unite with the self-respect that I think is still deep within us. For I still believe that if we ever unite, we can surprise the world with our imagination, our ingenuity and our creativity.

***Am Yisrael Chai!***

Lewis B. Dashe  
Honorary National President



## Message From Board Chairman Gene Shusman

Dear ZOA dinner guests,

Thanks for attending this year's ZOA Gala. Your support for ZOA is a mitzvah for your children and grandchildren. Let me explain:

THEY are our REAL honorees. It is to them ZOA dedicates all its time, effort, and resources.

I, Gene Shusman, am writing this message just before Kol Nidre services. My heart is heavy. My spirits are still kindled but dim.

I, an American Jew, feel betrayed/abandoned/isolated/alone because of the actions/inaction of many of my fellow Jews, most Jewish organizations, my government and the rest of the world.

I, one of HaShem's chosen people and Philadelphia ZOA's board chairman, will never stop promoting a strong Israel: The Jewish homeland. HE has returned his people to after 2,000 years of wandering in the Diaspora.

I ... I ... I ... Oy ... Oy ... Oy ...

Most Jewish/Zionist organizations choose to sit on the sidelines when issues of importance surface which effect Jews, Israel, American-Israel relations because they don't want to make waves. NOT ZOA. We have ALWAYS been out front advocating for a safe, secure Jewish homeland.

Recently, when it was much too late, most Jewish/Zionist organizations — realizing the gravity of the Iran deal: Israel's possible vaporization and the annihilation of yet another 6 million Jews — joined with ZOA to oppose Iran getting nuclear missiles in addition to \$150 billion to supply terror groups like Hezbollah, Hamas and Islamic Jihad to finally erase what Muslims call Israel's creation: the "*naqba*" (the catastrophe).

ZOA does much with limited resources. We are the gadfly. We do much with little. Lobbying on Capitol Hill, supporting our Jewish children on college campuses, and so much more. If everyone here — YOU — became a member and paid for a membership for their/YOUR children and grandchildren, ZOA's voice would be much more powerful AND EFFECTIVE.

The future of your children, grandchildren, America and Israel are in YOUR HANDS.

YOU have the power to save the world. What will you choose? The clock is ticking.

With love of Zion, America, my children and grandchildren; thanks for your support,

**Gene**



## **Message From Our Co-Presidents**

We welcome you and thank you for joining with us this evening as we recognize some preeminent supporters of Israel.

The ZOA is America's oldest Jewish defense organization. Since 1897, ZOA has been a fearless, determined and outspoken advocate — at first for the right of Jews to live in Eretz Israel as a free and independent nation, and since May 14, 1948, for the right of the modern Jewish state of Israel to flourish in a genuine peace and with security. We also work tirelessly for the Jewish people everywhere.

By being here tonight you are helping to enhance the work we do, perpetuate our storied organization, and add to our many successes.

To our ZOA members: We appreciate your affiliation. To those who are engaged in the work we do as friends or supporters, we are grateful you are a trusted ally, especially in these challenging times when both Israel and the Jewish People are under constant assault, fighting for our very existence and dignity.

To those who are new to ZOA, we hope this will be the beginning of a lifelong relationship. To all of you: It gives us great comfort to know that you join with us in your love for Israel and are willing to act with us.

We also thank the many businesses, families and individuals who support our Gala with ads and notices in this Journal. And our tireless staff, including our indefatigable executive director, Steve Feldman.

There is much work to be done in a variety of venues: the media, schools and campuses, within the Jewish community, politicians and beyond. We must support Israel vocally and publicly by reaching out to the uninformed and under-informed, to reporters and editors and to elected officials. Join us. Become active in ZOA or financially support our work. It is especially important to reach the younger segments of our community to help them become Zionists.

What sets us apart is that we take action. We ask that you actively assist us to not only right the wrongs, but to pro-actively advance Israel's cause. Israel's story is full of wonderful achievements including scientific advances, serving as a human rights beacon, and responding to natural disasters around the world — always ready to lend a hand, even to her enemies. There are also the countless steps Israel has undertaken to achieve peace — doing more than would be asked of any other nation. May we all go from strength to strength.

**Lee Bender and Kevin Ross — Co-Presidents**



## Message From the Executive Director

Welcome to our Fifth Annual Gala, a milestone for our organization.

For a few hours we break from making phone calls, writing letters and emails and talking to all who will listen as we try to solve the world's misplaced animosity against Israel and the Jewish People.

As the leading organization in our region committed exclusively to education, advocacy and outreach on behalf of a secure, strong and vibrant Jewish State of Israel, we find ourselves at the forefront of a struggle against myriad foes here in America and worldwide — including, sadly, within the Jewish community.

The Iran capitulation, the Arabs' continuing violence against Israelis using rockets and rocks, increasing incidents of Jew-hatred and anti-Jewish rhetoric, campus problems and worsening media malfeasance are but some of the issues and situations that need our attention. That is a collective "our."

Some still ignore those situations, or figure: "Let someone else take care of it." We at ZOA are both privileged and proud to be that "someone else."

Our cause is like the "Tug of War" game we played in our youth. But this is no game. Our enemies are many; they pull with all of their might; they fight dirty. We are pulling too. But each of you must pull your weight or we will all be dragged down. Pull will us: The Philadelphia ZOA Family.

It is my sincere hope that starting tonight, those of you who are members take the opportunity to become more active. To others: Please join us and/or help fund our many initiatives.

Apathy is another foe. For us in America, speech is free. But the cost of apathy is great. With our individual and unified efforts, we can prevail.

I sincerely thank our officers, executive committee and board members — each of whom is a volunteer. Thanks also to our many other volunteers who help during the year; all ZOA members; Mort Klein; my Office assistants, Linda Rosen and Beth-Ellen Kroope; and the businesses, families and individuals who support this Gala and Ad Journal. Please patronize them — mention that you saw their ad in our book. Thank you to our honorees for all that you do for our People. You inspire me. I particularly want to thank Howard Katzoff, who has been my partner in this Gala enterprise since we began. He is a pillar of ZOA as well as of the community, I also want to thank our recording secretary, Heather Berman, who worked on this book with me and created the centerpieces. Thank you HaShem.

**Steve Feldman**



## Message from the Gala Chairpersons

Welcome to the Zionist Organization of America-Greater Philadelphia District's fifth annual Gala.

In our fifth year as chair and co-chairs of the ZOA Philadelphia's Gala, we are proud to have these Zionists in our community and working alongside us. All of our honorees actively inspire us as they show their love for Israel through their words and actions. Rabbi Ira Budow and his wife, Dr. Susan Fuchs; celebrated Jack Engelhard; Shani Weiss and Howard and Patti Klein Katzoff are hardworking, tireless individuals who are passionate supporters of Zionism.

Our Gala is Philadelphia ZOA's chief yearly fundraising event. To our guests, we thank you for your participation tonight as well as for your commitment to Israel and to your support of the ZOA.

There are myriad tasks that have to be accomplished each year to make this Gala a success. There are no words that can describe the gratitude to the many people who have given their time and their talents to work on the many tasks that help tonight become the extraordinary experience that we are enjoying. We especially recognize and appreciate the diligent labor of Executive Director Steve Feldman and office assistants Linda Rosen and Beth-Ellen Kroope. We also recognize our volunteers — those here tonight and those who work throughout the year. You are essential to ZOA. Thank you for stepping up.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to the businesses, institutions, and individuals whose generosity and solidarity you see throughout this Ad Journal, and the elected and appointed officials who have also extended greetings herein. Please take note of these supporters of Israel and ZOA. We hope that the ties between our community and these establishments are mutually beneficial.

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 be reinforced. 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**



## *Thank you*

- ◆ Heather Berman
- ◆ Bart Blatstein
- ◆ Barbara Oslick Brown
- ◆ Rabbi Ira Budow
- ◆ Bobbie Dzubow
- ◆ Lew Dashe
- ◆ Miriam Einhorn
- ◆ Len Getz
- ◆ Betsey James
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- ◆ Gene Shusman
- ◆ Myrna Waldman
- ◆ Roberta Weiss
- ◆ Eleanor Weinglass
- ◆ Wendy Woloshin
- ◆ All of tonight's Gala participants

- ◆ Those who volunteered tonight and during the Gala process – particularly for the mailings



- ◆ Mort Klein
- ◆ Michael Goldblatt
- ◆ Gene Shusman
- ◆ Lee Bender and Kevin Ross and the other Officers,

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- ◆ The Gala Committee



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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 and strengthen the mutually-beneficial U.S.-Israel relationship, please call the*

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October 21, 2015

**SHALOM:**


I am exceptionally pleased to send greetings and express my sincere deep appreciation to the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) Greater Philadelphia District on the occasion of this annual Gala event.

Several outstanding people were selected to be presented with well-deserved awards for their support for ZOA and the State of Israel.

I feel privileged to represent Israel to this community alongside such committed individuals and organizations such as ZOA, whose staunch devotion and tireless work on Israel's behalf is truly inspirational, and very much appreciated.

As the Consul General of Israel to the Mid-Atlantic Region, I wish Mazal Tov to all of the honorees and thank all thank all present for your involvement and love of Israel.

Sincerely,

  
**Yaron Sideman**  
Consul General of Israel  
to the Mid-Atlantic Region



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CHRIS CHRISTIE  
GOVERNOR

October 21, 2015

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to extend greetings to everyone gathered for the annual Tribute Gala hosted by the Zionist Organization of America – Greater Philadelphia District.

I am proud to be the Governor of one of the most diverse states in the Nation. The vital contributions made by Jewish Americans reinforce the unique social, cultural and economic fabric of our State. Since its inception, the Greater Philadelphia ZOA has provided educational, advocacy and outreach initiatives that enhance the status and visibility of our State's thriving Jewish American community. I applaud ZOA for providing these programs and for championing causes that are of interest to its members throughout New Jersey and the greater Philadelphia region.

Special recognition is in order for tonight's distinguished honorees. These individuals have made vital contributions to the success of ZOA and remain strong role models within the Jewish community.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,



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Governor





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October 21, 2015

Dear Guests and Honorees,

As Governor, it is my pleasure to join with the Greater Philadelphia District of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) in recognizing this evening's honorees. Rabbi Ira Budow and his wife, psychiatrist Susan Fuchs, author and columnist Jack Engelhard, former co-president of the Philadelphia ZOA Howard Katsoff and his wife, Patti Klein Katsoff, will all receive awards for their support and service to the ZOA. Additionally, Shani Weiss, a campus pro-Israel advocate, will receive the first The Future Is Now Award.

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of ZOA is the only local Jewish organization solely dedicated to ensuring that Israel remains a safe and secure Jewish State and preserving a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. The chapter includes eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware. The award recipients have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the Jewish community and have earned the right to be commended for their exemplary service.

Congratulations to the honorees and best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

Jack A. Markell





## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.  
PENNSYLVANIA

August 17, 2015

Dear Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to extend warmest regards as the Greater Philadelphia District of the Zionist Organization of America celebrates its 2015 Gala.

This Gala is a remarkable reminder of the dedication of the ZOA and its 2015 honorees to a safe and secure Israel. The bond between Israel and the United States has been and always will be unbreakable. The work of the ZOA in strengthening this relationship and combating anti-Semitism is a true testament to your hard work and commitment throughout these many years. The ZOA's long existence speaks to the noble ideals and values which have guided the organization since its foundation. These values stand out as a positive example for future generations.

Thank you for all the work you have done and all that you continue to do. I look forward to your continued success.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
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October 21, 2015

Zionist Organization of America  
Greater Philadelphia District  
2015 Gala

Dear Friends and Supporters of Israel,

It is my pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to this year's attendees of the 2015 Gala of the Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia District. The ZOA has been one of the strongest and most effective voices for the State of Israel since its founding in 1897. I would like to recognize and thank its members for their continued commitment and dedication to the organization over the years.

I would like to also congratulate the Philadelphia ZOA and tonight's honorees. Rabbi Ira Budow and his wife, Susan Fuchs, will receive the Guardians of Israel Award. Jack Engelhard will be recognized with the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism and Shani Weiss will receive The Future is Now Award, a new award by the ZOA. In addition, Howard Katzoff and his wife, Pattie Klein Katzoff, are recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award.

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



CORY A. BOOKER  
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UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

October 21, 2015

Zionist Organization of America  
Greater Philadelphia District  
One Belmont Avenue, Suite 601  
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my congratulations as you gather for the 2015 Gala of the Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia District. I am especially delighted to congratulate tonight's honorees on being recognized for their tremendous work.

The oldest pro-Israel organization in the United States, the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) has long been a key voice in support of strong and successful ties between Israel and the United States. Through educational activities and outreach, ZOA continues its commitment to fighting anti-Semitism and nurturing the enduring bond between the United States and Israel. As you celebrate all that you have accomplished, I wish you a joyful and memorable event.

Again, congratulations. I am honored to send my best wishes for your continued success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. A. B.', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the left side.

Cory A. Booker  
United States Senator



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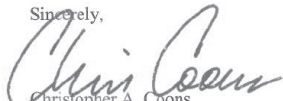
Dear Friends,

Please accept my sincere congratulations on your Annual Gala on Wednesday, October 21st, celebrating the success of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA)'s Greater Philadelphia District. Since its inception, ZOA-Greater Philadelphia has remained dedicated to local advocacy that promotes a strong U.S.-Israel relationship and a secure Israel. Your work extends throughout the area, from eastern Pennsylvania to southern New Jersey and my home state of Delaware.

I join you in congratulating Rabbi Ira Budow, Susan Fuchs, Jack Engelhard, Howard Katzoff, Patti Klein Katzoff and Shani Weiss. Each one of these leaders has demonstrated their strong commitment to Israel and is deserving of tonight's honor. I join you in celebrating their leadership and wishing them all *mazel tov*.

I share your commitment to Israel's security and defense, and strongly support the ironclad relationship between our two great nations. Best wishes to you in the future.

Sincerely,

  
Christopher A. Coons  
United States Senate



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September 10, 2015

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all of honorees at this year's Greater Philadelphia District 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 fulfil 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 Shani Weiss on being honored with The Future Is Now Award, Rabbi Ira Budow and his wife Dr. Susan Fuchs on receiving the Guardians of Israel Award, Jack Engelhard on being presented with the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism, and Howard Katsoff and his wife Patti Klein Katsoff on being honored with the Pillars of the Community Award.

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, and if I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brendan F. Boyle".

Congressman Brendan F. Boyle  
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Dear Friends:

It is with great respect and gratitude for the work of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA), Greater Philadelphia District, that I thank you for your attendance to this year's Annual Philadelphia ZOA Gala.

As the oldest and one of the largest pro-Israel groups in America the ZOA has admirably worked for advocacy on behalf of the Jewish State since 1897. This work, which has been accomplished at both national and local levels, is vital to continuously advance the United States-Israel relationship and to efficiently communicate to America's leaders what Israel's security needs are. It has always been a pleasure to work with the Philadelphia Chapter of the ZOA and I consider them one of my premier sources for information when it comes to topics related to Israel, Iran and the Middle East.

I would like to extend congratulations to this year's honorees: Rabbi Ira Budow and his wife, Susan Fuchs, recipients of the Guardians of Israel Award; Jack Engelhard, recipient of the Ben Hecht Award; Howard and Patti Klein Katzoff, recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award; and Shani Weiss, recipient of The Future Is Now Award.

On behalf of the constituents of the First Congressional District I am honored and proud to support the Zionist Organization of America.

Sincerely,



**ROBERT A. BRADY**  
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September 10, 2015

Dear Friends and Supporters of Israel:

I would like to join the Greater Philadelphia District of the Zionist Organization of America in offering heartiest congratulations to all of those being honored during the 2015 Gala Event: Rabbi Ira Budow and Sandra Fuchs, Guardians of Israel Award; Jack Englehard, Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism; Shoshana "Shani" Weiss, The Future Is Now Award; and Howard and Patti Klein Katzoff, Pillars of Community Award.

Each honoree has been a tireless advocate on behalf of the State of Israel and has demonstrated exemplary leadership on critical issues for the Jewish community. The recognition of their efforts is indeed well-deserved.

Congratulations also are in order for everyone at the Zionist Organization of America who worked hard to make the 2015 Gala Event possible and best wishes as you continue your important work. Thank you for all your efforts to support the special relationship between the United States and Israel.

Sincerely,

Ryan Costello  
Member of Congress





CHARLES W. DENT  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
15TH DISTRICT, PENNSYLVANIA

August 6, 2015

Lee Bender, Co-President  
Kevin Ross, Co-President  
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Dear Mr. Bender and Mr. Ross:

On behalf of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I take great pleasure in extending greetings to you, the honorees, the staff, and members of the Greater Philadelphia District of the Zionist Organization of America on the occasion of ZOA's Annual Gala.

To Rabbi Ira Budow, Susan Fuchs, Jack Engelhard, Howard Katzoff, Patti Klein Katzoff and Shani Weiss, recipients of this year's prestigious ZOA awards, I applaud your achievements. Each of you epitomizes the qualities of a strong leader and inspired advocate for the State of Israel.

As Congress and nations around the world analyze the Iran Nuclear Agreement, ZOA's mission to advocate for Israel takes on a very significant role. I support that mission and those individuals who work resolutely to keep Israel safe and secure.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charles W. Dent  
Member of Congress  
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October 21, 2015

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Greetings and welcome to the Greater Philadelphia District of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) upon the occasion of your annual Gala honoring your 2015 selections as champions of Israel.

Congratulations are in order for those the Philadelphia ZOA is honoring tonight at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue:

**Shani Weiss** is an Israel advocate, educator and founder of "Dragons for Israel" a pro-Israel organization on her college campus created to promote a balance between advocacy, learning and fun. The group continues though Shani has graduated. She is the recipient of The Future Is Now Award;

**Rabbi Ira Budow and Dr. Susan Fuchs**, Rabbi Budow has served for 33 years as the director of Abrams Hebrew Academy and has exposed hundreds of students to the beauty of Israel and instilled in them a love for Zion. They are being presented with the Guardians of Israel Award;

**Jack Engelhard**, a veteran journalist proposes reputable options to anti-Israel media bias, policies and adversaries via his regular column in Israel National News and posts on social media. He is the author of *Indecent Proposal*, turned into a box office sensation, will receive the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism;

**Howard and Patti Klein Katsoff**, the "model champions" dedicates their time, talent and treasure to promote and defend Israel and Zionism. Fully committed to their advocacy for Israel, Howard is a past co-president of Philadelphia ZOA, Patti is an addiction counselor and former owners of a children's furniture business. They are recognized with this year's Pillars of the Community Award.

The Philadelphia ZOA prides itself as the region's leading organization solely dedicated to a secure, strong and vibrant Jewish state of Israel. Thank you for your continued advocacy and activism, and best wishes on a successful event.

Very truly yours,

Chaka Fattah  
Member of Congress



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Dear Friends,

On behalf of the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I would like to extend my greetings to the Zionist Organization of America and all of its members. Thank you for the outstanding work you do in our local community, and around the country to help foster and promote a strong and resilient U.S. – Israel relationship.

I would like to personally congratulate this year's award winners: Rabbi Ira Budow and Susan Fuchs - recipients of the Guardians of Israel Award, Jack Engelhard - recipient of the Ben Hecht Award, Howard Katsoff and Patti Klein Katsoff - recipients of the Pillars of the Community Award, and Shani Weiss – recipient of The Future Is Now Award. As a strong supporter of the state of Israel, I sincerely appreciate your efforts and am honored to recognize you all today.

I look forward to working with the Zionist Organization of America in the future to promote our mutual interests. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you in the United States Congress. Have a great evening.

Sincerely,

Mike Fitzpatrick  
Member of Congress





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To the Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America,

I wish to extend my congratulations to the Zionist Organization of America as well as all of the honorees attending the annual Gala dinner. I appreciate your advocacy efforts in support of a strong U.S.-Israel relationship and commend you for all the work you do for the Jewish community in the 7<sup>th</sup> District of Pennsylvania and in the Greater Philadelphia Region.

This year's honorees deserve special recognition for their efforts in strengthening this unbreakable relationship. Congratulations to Rabbi Ira Budow and his wife Susan Fuchs for receiving the Guardians of Israel award, Jack Engelhard for his outstanding journalistic contributions, Howard Katzoff and his wife Patti Klein Katzoff for receiving the Pillars of the Community Award, and Shani Weiss for her activism on her college campus.

On behalf of the entire 7<sup>th</sup> District of Pennsylvania, I again thank you all for your hard work and commitment to a strong US-Israel relationship.

Sincerely,

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To the Members of the Zionist Organization of America:

I would like to congratulate the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia District (ZOA-GPD) as we thank the people who have most strongly supported and advocated for Israel.

This gala marks another incredible year for ZOA-GPD. I wish to express my appreciation for the work of each member and contributor whose efforts have helped to develop this organization, which is vital to our ally Israel. I want to recognize the accomplishments of ZOA-GPD and the individuals and families who should particularly be praised for their leadership in building peaceful bonds between Israel and our own Nation. I join with you in honoring Rabbi Ira Budow and Dr. Susan Fuchs, Shani Weiss, Jack Engelhard, and Howard and Patti Klein Katzoff.

I want to express my appreciation for Philadelphia ZOA, which stands to preserve support for the Jewish state. This organization serves a fundamental part of my constituency. I join with you in celebration and thank each member for the work you do in our community.

Cordially,

  
Joseph R. Pitts  
Member of Congress





**TOM MACARTHUR**  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
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To the Zionist Organization of America:

Please accept my warm congratulations on your almost 120 years of continued advocacy, and my thanks for your tireless work on behalf of the US-Israel relationship. There has never been a more important time for the bonds of friendship between the United States and Israel to remain strong and unshakeable, so thank you for all that you do.

And a big congratulations to tonight's honorees. I am especially proud so many New Jerseyans are among those being recognized!

All the best to you as you celebrate.

Best regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tom MacArthur'.

Tom MacArthur  
Member of Congress





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October 21, 2015

Greetings!

It is a pleasure and a privilege to welcome you to the 2015 Gala of the Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia District on October 21, 2015.

The Zionist Organization of America is a nonprofit organization founded in 1897 to help reestablish the nation of Israel in the historic homeland of the Jewish people. Since Israel declared independence in 1948, the organization has worked to ensure that the country remains a strong, secure, and vibrant nation, and that the relationship between Israel and the United States of America remains positive.

This year's annual Zionist Organization of America Gala is expected to attract 350 guests. The gala will honor several people for the pro-Israel activities they are engaged in, including Rabbi Ira Budow and his wife Susan Fuchs, Jack Engelhard, Howard Katsoff, and Shani Weiss.

On behalf of the City of Philadelphia, I commend all of the honorees being celebrated tonight, and wish you all a festive and rewarding gala.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. A. Nutter".

Michael A. Nutter  
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*Judy Taylor*



**Silver**

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**to**

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Congratulations to our precious daughter  
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2015 recipient of The Future Is Now Award.

You have inspired us with your love and  
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We dedicate this page in memory  
of our beloved friend

**Sondra Rendelman**

May the legacy of Sondra's  
passionate love for Israel,  
our Jewish people, and her  
dedication to ZOA be an  
inspiration for us all to redouble  
our efforts on behalf of the  
Zionist movement.

Like Sondra, let us be strong and  
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*Shani Weiss*

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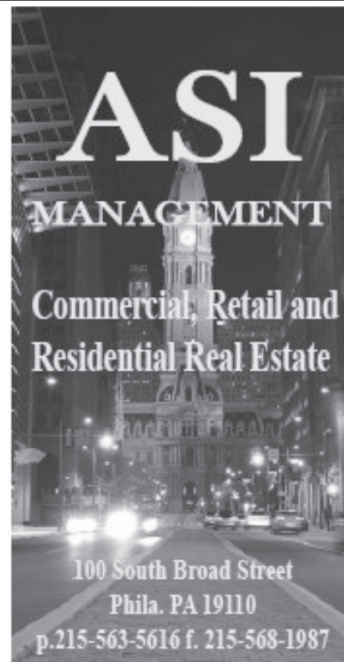
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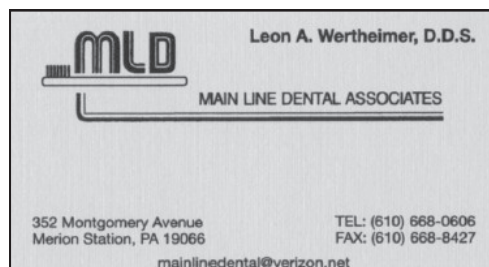


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1) **STAY CURRENT ON THE TRUTH** – Stay educated and clear on what is really going on. The Internet offers useful sources for getting a more accurate picture of what is really happening in the Jewish state and surrounding areas. Visit such sites and recommend them to friends – you will be amazed at how people’s eyes can be opened when they start to get the real picture about what is going on.

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**SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 22**

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Glatt Kosher

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**Gourmet Dinner  
6:00 P.m.**  
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**TICKETS:**

**\$700 per person**

**\$7000 per table**

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