Zionist Organization of America
Greater Philadelphia Chapter
2018 GALA
and Tribute to Israel Advocates

Celebrating 70 years of friendship between the people of AMERICA and the people of Israel

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

HONORING

Sharon & Menachem Meller

Pillars of the Community Award

Sharon & Jeff Resnick

The Future Is Now Award

Sam Rohrer

Friend of Zion Award

Cynthia & William Wanger

Defenders of Israel Award

Enjoy a wonderful evening and hear from:

Honorees

SHARON and MENACHEM MELLER

SHARON and JEFF RESNICK

SAM ROHRER

CYNTHIA and WILLIAM WANGER

Master-of-ceremonies: GARY ERLBAUM

Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue
4200 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

BUFFET RECEPTION — 5:30 PM

AWARD CEREMONY — 7:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY DESSERT RECEPTION

DIETARY LAWS OBSERVED

ADMISSION: $200 (early-registration discount tickets are $180 through September 21). Young Professionals (ages 30 and under)**: $100, Students: $36**

Tickets may be purchased by check, or online at Eventbrite.com
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Sharon and Menachem Meller are our Pillars of the Community Award honorees. Sharon is a clinical ophthalmologist in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Menachem is the principal orthopedic surgeon and Section Head of Orthopedics at Mercy Philadelphia Hospital/Trinity Health. They each come from strong Zionist families — which they have perpetuated to the next generation as two of their sons are working and studying in Israel. The couple are active supporters of ZOA and members of Lower Merion Synagogue.

Sharon and Jeff Resnick are our The Future Is Now Award honorees. This is only the second time we are bestowing this award. Sharon and Jeff founded a group for young professionals called **Focus**. The Resnicks and the Focus team run multi-week sessions to educate and empower young professionals with vital Israel advocacy knowledge and skills. Sharon is a native of Venezuela and works for Comcast. Jeff, a Cherry Hill native, works for OSIsoft. The couple met at Drexel University, where both were active in Dragons for Israel.

Sam Rohrer is our Friend of Zion Award recipient. He is president of the American Pastors Network and the Pennsylvania Pastors Network. Sam hosts APN's "Stand In The Gap" Radio Program, and "Stand In The Gap TV." The shows are carried on hundreds of stations nationwide, and Israel is a frequent topic. Sam served as a state representative in Harrisburg representing the 128th District for 18 years. While there he authored the Education Improvement Tax Credit scholarship. He has also been a candidate for Senate and governor.

Cynthia and William Wanger are recipients of our first Defenders of Israel Award. Cindy is a clinical audiologist, while Bill is a long-time partner at Fox Rothschild LLP. The couple are veteran members and leaders of the local chapter of the Republican Jewish Coalition and other GOP groups, as well as at Congregation Beth Or. Among their many activities on behalf of Israel, Cindy and Bill have assisted candidates and incumbents in understanding issues of significance and sensitivity to the Jewish community, and developing their positions and policy statements on Israel.

The **ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA** is one of America's largest pro-Israel educational, advocacy, and outreach organizations. Greater Philadelphia ZOA promotes Israel via meetings and special events, calls to action and other campaigns. We have had a close relationship with the Israeli government, and work regularly with other Jewish organizations as well as Christian Zionists. We combat BDS via our "Buy Israel" campaign, interact with college students and our leadership are mainstays within the regional community via our talks, presentations and media appearances. We support Israel's right to security and peace, and a strong, mutually beneficial U.S-Israel relationship.

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