

**The Zionist Organization of America
Greater Philadelphia Chapter**

Presents

A celebration of America and Israel



Honoring:

Malka Kantor-Rapkin
Pillar of the Community Award
Cliff Rieders
Defender of Israel Award
Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch
Guardian of Israel Award
Prof. Jason Hill of DePaul U.
Education Beacon Award

Malka Kantor-Rapkin is our Pillars of the Community Award recipient. Born in Tel Aviv prior to Israeli independence, she came to Philadelphia in 1964 to study. After graduating from Gratz College, she taught Hebrew and music in Jewish day schools. Then, for more than 35 years, Malka had a successful career in the financial services industry, co-founding her own planning and wealth management firm, Kantor Financial Group — now Certior Financial Group. She has dedicated her time, talent and resources to support Jewish organizations and causes with connections to Israel. She travels annually to Israel and continues to cultivate and pass on to her children and grandchildren the family traditions of love, connection and commitment to Israel.

Cliff Rieders is the recipient of our Defender of Israel Award. Cliff has been instrumental in fighting the BDS movement. He drafted a resolution that unanimously passed the Pennsylvania House and Senate, and was involved in drafting legislation that passed the Pennsylvania General Assembly and signed by Gov. Wolf. He serves on the ZOA National Board and assisted in creating ZOA's Center for Law and Justice. He has served as president of Congregation Ohav Shalom in Williamsport. He is a partner in the Williamsport law firm of Rieders, Travis, Humphrey, Waters & Dohmann. He has led many professional legal organizations and is a prolific writer.

Rabbi Eliezer Hirsch is our Guardian of Israel Award recipient. He is spiritual leader and founding rabbi of Mekor Habracha/Center City Synagogue. Since Mekor's establishment, he has made significant contributions to the flourishing Center City Jewish community. Rabbi Hirsch expresses a fervent voice for Israel in his sermons, leading special blessings for Israel and the IDF during services and celebrating numerous congregants who have made aliyah. He has signed rabbinical petitions and attended protests in opposition to BDS. He is dean of Jewish philosophy for the Association for Hebraic Studies Institute, a distance-learning college, and authored two books.

Professor Jason D. Hill is our Education Beacon Award recipient. An unapologetic supporter of Israel, Hill is professor of philosophy at DePaul University and CEO of the Institute for Immigrant Assimilation. Hill's article "The Moral Case For Israel Annexing The West Bank — And Beyond," published in *The Federalist*, struck a nerve in academia. DePaul students demanded he apologize. Fellow faculty members passed a resolution condemning him. Hill has demonstrated true academic freedom and revealed the toxins on America's campuses. Hill is the author of four books and a contributor to many publications.

The ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA is one of America's largest pro-Israel educational, advocacy, and outreach organizations. Greater Philadelphia ZOA promotes and supports Israel via meetings and special events, Action Alerts and literature. 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 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.

Enjoy a wonderful evening and hear from:

Honorees

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

Master-of-ceremonies: GARY ERLBAUM

Plus: *Silent auction featuring spectacular vacations!*

Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue
4200 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

BUFFET RECEPTION — 5:30 PM

AWARD CEREMONY — 7 PM

FOLLOWED BY DESSERT RECEPTION

DIETARY LAWS OBSERVED

ADMISSION: \$200 (early-registration discount tickets are \$180 through August 31). Young Professionals (ages 30 and under): \$100, Students: \$36

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