

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

Presents

**Celebrating America and Israel,
Modern Israel's 75th Birthday & ZOA's 125th Anniversary**

**Greater
Philadelphia
ZOA
2023 GALA**

Sept. 7, 2023

In-person

**at the Hilton Philadelphia
City Avenue**

Honoring:

Bart Blatstein

Pillar of the Community Award

Justice Sandra Schultz Newman

Defender of Israel Award

Stan & Diane Cardano Casacio

Friends of Zion Award

Michael Goldfarb

Ben Hecht Award

Bart Blatstein is our Pillars of the Community Award recipient. Bart founded, owns and is chief executive officer of Tower Investments, Inc. Tower's projects include the Piazza and Liberties Walk in Philadelphia. Tower has converted vast tracts of post-industrial Philly properties into retail, entertainment and office developments. He has created thousands of jobs, business opportunities, tax revenue and the impetus for more investment in the city and region. He is also active in developing Atlantic City. He was president of the Jewish Publishing Group, and is a longtime member of the Board of Greater Philadelphia ZOA, and Israel Bonds. He is associate treasurer of National ZOA. Stockton University awarded him an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service. Bart is active in a number of charitable and professional organizations.

Justice Sandra Schultz Newman is the recipient of our Defender of Israel Award. Newman was the first female elected to Pennsylvania's Supreme Court, in 1995. Prior to that, she was elected judge of the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania. She was admitted to the Bar in 1972 and today is in private practice. She is past chairperson of the Board of Consultants of Villanova University Law School. She has received honorary doctorate degrees from multiple universities. She served on the executive board of American Friends of Hebrew University. She serves on the Pennsylvania Advisory Council of Keep Our Republic, a bipartisan, civic nonprofit group.

Stan Casacio and Diane Cardano Casacio are recipients of our Friends of Zion Award. Stan is a U.S. Army veteran. He owns Revere Suburban Realty, a property management firm, and New Century Associates, a real estate broker and developer. He is a former member of the Cheltenham Board of Commissioners and has been active in many civic endeavors. He hosts "Don't Back Down" radio on WWDB. He attends many of our events and is an ardent supporter of Israel and the Jewish People. Diane is the founder and proprietor of Cardano Home Services and owner and president of Cardano Realtors. She is active with "Women Golfers Give Back."

Michael Goldfarb is our Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism honoree. He is the innovative founder and chairman of the online national media outlet "The Washington Free Beacon" (www.freebeacon.com). The Free Beacon is dedicated to reporting on politics, policy, and "all enemies of freedom," and is one of the few outlets that accurately and honestly covers Israel-related matters. Prior to that he founded the Emergency Committee for Israel and Keep America Safe. He is a Philadelphia native. In addition to being an honoree, he will be our keynote speaker.

The ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA uses education, advocacy and outreach to help the Jewish people, promote Israel, foster Zionism and strengthen the mutually beneficial U.S.-Israel relationship. Greater Philadelphia ZOA actively promotes and supports the above throughout our region and beyond via events, presentations, special reports, action alerts and encouragement of activism and vigilance. We expose and respond to anti-Jewish bias in media, education, government and elsewhere, and we aggressively seek to prevent it from occurring in the first place. We combat BDS via our "Buy Israel" campaign. Our leadership frequently appear in print, electronic and social media.

Enjoy a wonderful evening to support Greater
Philadelphia ZOA's vitally important work
and hear from:

Honorees

BART BLATSTEIN

JUSTICE SANDRA SCHULTZ NEWMAN

STAN & DIANE CARDANO CASACIO

MICHAEL GOLDFARB

Master-of-ceremonies: Gary Erlbaum

Remarks by ZOA National President Morton Klein

*Plus: An Israeli wine tasting with Jack Levin, and acclaimed artist Perry Milou will
create a new masterpiece live and offer a select group of his pieces for sale!*

Thursday, September 7, 2023

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 (Vaad Hakashruth of Philadelphia, plus
mashgiach temidi Rabbi Hershel Weitz)

ADMISSION: \$220 (Purchase by Aug. 1 — Save \$20).
Discount for young professionals (30 and below), students.

Tickets may be purchased by check, or online at Eventbrite.com

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Maxine & Matt Comisky	Howard Katzoff	Jim Showers
Larry Deutsch	Abelardo Lechter	Andy Teitelman
Tim Douek	Mark and Marlene Moster	Seth Zwillenberg

List in formation

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