

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Greater Philadelphia Chapter

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Honoring

**Bart Blatstein
Stan & Diane
Casacio**

**Justice Sandra
Schultz Newman
Michael Goldfarb**



**Celebrating
Israel &
America**

**Modern Israel's
75th birthday**

**ZOA's founding
125th anniversary**

Thursday, September 7, 2023/20-21 Elul 5783

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“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?

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.
G-d bless America, my home, sweet home!

“HATIKVAH”

*Kol od balevav penimah,
Nefesh yehudi homiyah,
Ulefa-atei mizrach, kadimah,
Ayin letziyon tsofiyah.
Od lo avdah tikvateinu
Hatikvah bat shnot alpayim,
Lihyot am chofshi
be-artzeinu,
Eretz tzion, virushalayim.*

Translation of “Hatikvah”:
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.

הַתִּקְוָה

כָּל עוֹד בְּלִבָּב פְּנִימָה
גִּפְשׁ יְהוּדִי הוֹמִיָּה,
וּלְפָאֵתֵי מִזְרַח קְדִימָה
עֵץ לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפֵיָה -

עוֹד לֹא אֲבָדָה תְּקוּתָנוּ.
הַתִּקְוָה בַּת שְׁנוֹת אֲלָפִים,
לְהִיּוֹת עִם חִפְשֵׁי בְּאַרְצֵנוּ
אֲרֵץ צִיּוֹן וִירוּשָׁלַיִם.

**ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA
GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER**

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HILTON PHILADELPHIA CITY AVENUE

HONORING:

BART BLATSTEIN

JUSTICE SANDRA SCHULTZ NEWMAN

STAN CASACIO & DIANE CARDANO-CASACIO

MICHAEL GOLDFARB

MASTER-OF-CEREMONIES:

GARY ERLBAUM

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Welcome

Welcome to the fabulous Greater Philadelphia ZOA Gala! It's wonderful to be back together in person after the pandemic shut-down years.

Your attendance tonight and your continuing involvement with the ZOA Greater Philadelphia Chapter, even when we couldn't be together live, and now that we are together again, and into the future, makes it clear that you are ardent, caring Zionist activists.

Your presence and commitment is strengthening ZOA's ability to engage students on college campuses throughout the country; to teach the truth about the Arab war against Israel; to educate Congress through ZOA's Government Relations Office in Washington, D.C.; to combat antisemitism; to take legal action through ZOA's Law and Justice Center so that Jewish and pro-Israel students will be free from discrimination and harassment; and to continue ZOA's other national and local efforts on behalf of Israel and the Jewish people.

I'm also so pleased that tonight you are honoring my dear lifelong friend, ZOA's National Assistant Treasurer Bart Blatstein, a great Jewish activist.

Philadelphia is my home chapter. It's where my Zionist activism began, and it holds a special place in my heart. I'm so proud to see everything that the Greater Philadelphia Chapter ZOA has accomplished and continues to strive for, in good times and bad. Your chapter recently exposed, documented and combated anti-Israel campaigns by Philadelphia leaders and agencies; called out an anti-Israel exhibit at a local elementary school; removed a heinous anti-Israel radio ad; and has been continuing its noble work of educating the Greater Philadelphia community.

Thank you for your incredible dedication to the Jewish people and the Jewish homeland.

And thank you again for the pleasure of your company at the Greater Philadelphia ZOA Gala.

L'Shana Tova!

With love,

Morton A. Klein

ZOA National President

THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Founded in 1897, the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) played a key role in the Jewish State's re-establishment. Today ZOA, under the leadership of National President Morton A. Klein, is the leading major American Jewish organization courageously defending Israel and the Jewish people; fighting against all forms of antisemitism, including anti-Jewish boycotts; and promoting the Jewish people's lawful right to live in and settle historic Jewish lands.

The ZOA speaks out for Israel – in reports, newsletters, and other publications; in speeches in synagogues, churches, and community events, in high schools and colleges from coast to coast; in e-mail action alerts; in op-eds and letters to the editor; and in radio and television appearances by ZOA leaders.

Always on the front lines of pro-Israel activism, ZOA has made its mark.

ZOA exposes that a Palestinian state would endanger Israel's existence; presents the facts about the Arab/Islamic war against Israel; and combats the anti-Israel lie that Israel is an "occupier" of her own land.

ZOA's Center for Law and Justice is a leader in the legal field, fighting for Jewish students and others; 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.

ZOA spearheaded long, successful battles to move the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem, to obtain U.S. recognition of Israeli sovereignty over the Golan Heights, to deport Nazi war criminals, to apply federal civil rights protections to Jewish students, and more. ZOA provides free legal assistance and programs to pro-Israel students at numerous college campuses. ZOA's bold, unapologetic voice has a significant impact on public discourse and policy.

Greater Philadelphia ZOA

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America is relentless in promoting, supporting and defending the Jewish People, Israel, Zionism, American values and the mutually beneficial U.S.-Israel relationship. We cover the Philadelphia region, eastern Penna, southern New Jersey and Delaware.

We have pro-active, positive initiatives and activities devoted to education, advocacy and outreach. We react and respond to attacks against Jews and Jewish institutions, efforts to delegitimize Israel, and Zionism, and to those who try to weaken or sever the bond between Americans and Israelis/America and Israel.

Our current activities and recent efforts have included:

- ◆ Mobilizing the community to attend a township school board meeting following an anti-Jewish/anti-Israel display at a suburban elementary school;
- ◆ Persuading a major local radio station to discontinue an ad from an organization determined to incite Jew-hatred;
- ◆ Published a 27-page report detailing anti-Jewish and anti-Israel activities by the city of Philadelphia and its agencies;
- ◆ Produced a new audio-visual presentation “Jew-Hatred: It’s Many Sources and What You Can Do About Them” offering a detailed look into the panoply of anti-Jewish entities and groups throughout society and how they collaborate — plus we offer actions and strategies to thwart them — **you can host a presentation!**;
- ◆ Published an extensive report documenting the Free Library of Philadelphia’s anti-Jewish indoctrination targeting the city’s young children and their parents;
- ◆ Publish a weekly newsletter that includes a meaningful advocacy action item;
- ◆ Produced 20 educational webinars during the pandemic that are on YouTube;
- ◆ Led a counter-demonstration at Philadelphia’s official 2022 anti-Jewish “Day of Solidarity With the Palestinian People” ceremony;
- ◆ We monitor and respond to anti-Jewish activities at local universities;
- ◆ We tenaciously track and respond to anti-Jewish/anti-Zionist/anti-Israel attacks in local and regional media outlets;
- ◆ Leading the regional “Buy Israel” effort, now in its 15th year;

Check our Web site, social media and your email for news about upcoming special events, Action Alerts and other ways you can participate. Make sure we have your current email address!

As Israel's security and survival becomes more perilous and as Jew-hatred mushrooms, 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. Learn more at 610-660-9466, office@zoaphilly.org or 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 the Jewish People, 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)

Bart Blatstein

Bart Blatstein was born, raised, and has concentrated his business endeavors in the City of Philadelphia and the surrounding region, including with particular focus in transforming Atlantic City into a premier family entertainment destination resort. In his more than 40 years in the real estate industry, he has earned the reputation as one of the region’s most respected and innovative commercial real estate developers.

Blatstein founded, owns and is chief executive officer of Tower Investments, Inc. Tower’s earlier projects included the Piazza and Liberties Walk in Philadelphia. Along North Broad Street, Blatstein and Tower started a development renaissance. Meanwhile, in 2022, Tower Investments — in a joint venture with Post Brothers Development Company — broke ground on the largest multi-family development in Philadelphia located on South Broad Street and Washington Avenue.

Tower, under Blatstein’s leadership, 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.

Blatstein is a longtime member of the Board of Greater Philadelphia ZOA and serves as associate treasurer of National ZOA. He was president of the Jewish Publishing Group, and serves on the board of Israel Bonds. He is a past chairman of Federation of Jewish Agencies’ Real Estate Division.

Blatstein is also active in numerous business, civic and charitable endeavors. Among these, he is past president of the Friends of Rittenhouse Square, a founding member of the Waterfront Developers Council and has served as vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of Community College of Philadelphia.

Stockton University conferred him with an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service degree. He received the NAACP Atlantic City Branch’s 2023 Freedom Fund President Award.

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 — no matter who or where they are — to take another look.

Though a true defender of Israel may be too humble to seek recognition, it is important to recognize and honor this tenacity and inspire others to defend the truth.

Defender of Israel Award Recipient Justice Sandra Schultz Newman

Justice Sandra Schultz 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.

Prior to entering the judiciary, she was in private practice, having been admitted to the bar in 1972. After serving as a justice, she returned to private practice. She is a former Montgomery County assistant district attorney.

She is the author of *Trial Practice Chapter and Trial Practice Consultant, a three-volume book Alimony, Child Support and Counsel Fees*.

Justice Newman served as a member of the Judicial Council of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and chaired the Judicial Council's Committee on Judiciary Safety and Preparedness.

She is past chairperson of the Board of Consultors of Villanova University Law School and an elected member of the American Law Institute. She is past president of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Also she is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Drexel University College of Medicine.

Justice Newman received an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Drexel University, an Honorary Degree for Doctor of Public Service from Clarion University, and Honorary Degree for Doctor of Laws from Gannon University and an Honorary Degree for Doctor of Laws from Widener University Law School. She was commencement speaker there in 1996.

She served on the executive board of American Friends of Hebrew University, and she serves on the Pennsylvania Advisory Council of Keep Our Republic, a bipartisan, civic nonprofit group.

Justice Newman has received numerous awards and accolades as a result of her professional, civic and charitable activities. Among these: She was named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania in 1996.

The ZOA Friends of Zion Award

A man acquires friends with whom to associate; and there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

~ *Mishlei (Proverbs) 18:24*

Some we call “friends” are pleasant and you can sometimes count on them in a pinch. Then there are those by our side, who really show they care with both words and in deeds. Whenever they are needed they are there, offering sincere help, support or a boost — often before they are even asked.

Like every person and all nations, Israel and the Jewish People need friends — but perhaps more so given that Israel and Jewry are under a relentless attack from a constant chorus of detractors and enemies who unleash barrages of propaganda that leads to irrational hatred, threats, violence and worse.

It is easy — too easy — to jump on the anti-Israel bandwagon today. The loyalty and amity to jump on the pro-Israel bandwagon and sometimes ride shotgun or even take a stint at the wheel is rarer.

Israel’s and the Jewish People’s friends harbor a sense of devotion in their hearts and are truly kindred spirits. They rise to our defense, and are proud champions of Zion and our cause. They do it out of love or kinship or a higher calling. Their solidarity is unshakeable.

This is what it means to be “Friends of Zion.”

Though they are not our friends to receive awards or accolades, it is incumbent upon us to show our gratitude.

“A good friend is a tower of strength; to find one is to find a treasure.”

- *Apocrypha: Ben Sira (Shim'on ben Yeshu'a ben Eli'ezer ben Sira)*

Friends of Zion Award Recipients

Stan Casacio & Diane Cardano-Casacio

Stan Casacio 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. These are family businesses and their holdings include apartment complexes, commercial establishments and office buildings.

He has been active in and served in leadership positions in governmental, political, charitable and civic bodies and groups. Among these, Casacio has served as vice chairman of the Cheltenham Planning Commission, the Cheltenham Board of Commissioners and currently is a Whitemarsh Republican committeeman. He was chairman of the Whitemarsh Republican Party. He is chairman of Phyllis Schlafly Eagles Pennsylvania.

He hosts “Don’t Back Down” radio on WWDB AM.

Casacio attends many ZOA functions and he was a classmate of Entebbe Rescue hero Yonatan Netanyahu’s at Cheltenham High School. Casacio is an ardent support of Israel and the Jewish People.

Diane Cardano-Casacio is the founder and proprietor of Cardano Home Services, and owner and president of Cardano Realtors. She is active with a number of professional groups. Among these, she is a member of the exclusive By Referral Only - Inner Circle: Mastermind Group with 13 Real Estate Professionals in the United States.

Cardano-Casacio has received numerous real-estate industry honors in recognition of her sales achievements. She is active in many charitable groups including Women Golfers Give Back and the Sons of Italy.

The Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism

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

Previous recipients of Greater Philadelphia ZOA's Ben Hecht Award include David Horowitz, Jonathan Tobin, Erick Stakelbeck, Nonie Darwish 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 wrote 35 books and wrote and produced Broadway plays. Among the screenplays he wrote or contributed to were: "Angels Over Broadway," "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 Hecht's mastery of Hollywood that this award bears his 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 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 City. It raised nearly a half-million dollars for the American League For a Free Palestine (which supported the Irgun).

For more about Ben Hecht, see: http://www.aish.com/j/sod/stars_of_David_Ben_Hecht.html and <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0372942/>

Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism

Recipient Michael Goldfarb

Michael Goldfarb has spent over two decades working at the intersection of politics and media.

He began his career in media at the *Weekly Standard*, where he started as a receptionist and went on to become a contributing editor.

Goldfarb served as deputy communications director for John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign. He founded a series of nonprofits focused on national security, foreign policy, and the U.S.-Israel relationship. Among these were Keep America Safe, chaired by Liz Cheney, and the Emergency Committee for Israel, chaired by William Kristol. The latter group played a key role in rallying opposition against the Iran nuclear deal (JCPOA) and making a national-security case for a close and continued relationship between the U.S. and the Jewish State.

Goldfarb went on to found the Washington Free Beacon, an innovative, must-read online newspaper based in Washington, D.C.

(www.freebeacon.com). The publication is dedicated to reporting on politics, policy, and all enemies of freedom. It is one of the few media outlets that accurately and honestly covers Israel-related matters. Goldfarb now serves as its chairman.

Goldfarb was born and raised in Philadelphia and lives with his wife Hilary and three children, Ted, Ellie and Joe, in Virginia.

Michael Goldfarb will also be our Gala keynote speaker.

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 recently 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 previously published 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 and Greater Philadelphia ZOA, 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 dozens of 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, FNC, 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 Board Chairman

We are living in a very dangerous time for the world, for the United States and for the Jewish state of Israel. Today, seemingly unbridled Jew-hatred combined with a dual system of justice are constant threats.

In Israel, protesters are rejecting the duly and democratically elected government and the laws it is working to pass through the democratic process. We must stand for the rule of law in the U.S. and in Israel. Lawlessness and an unfair justice system make the work of supporting and defending America, Israel and the Jewish People — the goals of ZOA — against our common adversaries that much more difficult.

Some seem to act as though the cause of defending Israel and Jewry is unpopular. But they are the correct cause, and in my opinion, other Jewish groups have lost their way. ZOA is acknowledged to be a leader in the role of defending Israel. Officials in Israel and America have said so.

As a supporter of the Zionist Organization of America through our Greater Philadelphia Chapter, you have the opportunity to support Israel and the Jewish People here in our region. ZOA identifies the issues of concern that threaten the Jewish People and our beloved Israel, and we inform our members and supporters what you can do to make a difference. It is our responsibility as Jews to be aware, and it is up to you to act.

Please support us and get involved. Call our executive director, Steve Feldman, at 610-660-9466 to learn more and tell him that you want to help keep Israel safe and secure so that it is able to continue its great and amazing progress that makes us proud. Steve and I will welcome you aboard.

I joined ZOA at the time of the Oslo Accords in 1993. I agreed with our national president, Mort Klein, that the Oslo Accords would not succeed. We were both correct.

Join us. Join the fight to defend the state of Israel and klal Yisrael during this vitally important time in our history.

Good health and *L 'Shana Tova* to you and your families!

Morton Gleit
Chairman of the Board

Message From Our President

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

Despite a U.S. administration that's hostile to Israel and normalizes hatred of the Jewish state, the ZOA has been able to make significant and even crucial local defenses of Israel and the Jewish people.

Greater Philadelphia ZOA opposed Gladwyne Elementary School's "Cultural Heritage Night" due to its "Palestine" display, which falsely claimed Jerusalem is the capital of "Palestine," and featured the genocidal PLO flag; we got an anti-Israel/anti-Jewish ad pulled from a major radio station; we've continued pressuring the *Philadelphia Inquirer* about their anti-Jewish media bias; we've exposed the Kenney administration's anti-Jewish activities; we exposed and confronted the Free Library of Philadelphia's anti-Jewish activities; we made a counter demonstration against the City of Philadelphia's "Palestine Solidarity Day"; ... and more. Other examples of ZOA's work and mission locally and nationally are detailed throughout this book.

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 our ancestral homeland and live in a sovereign and secure Israel, and today, to defend and keep it.

By joining us tonight, you make our work possible. Our accomplishments are your accomplishments. Because without your support, none of them would be possible. Thank you! It's needed more than ever with both Israel and the Jewish People continuing to fight for our 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 Executive Director Steve Feldman, who does not know the meaning of 9-5, and whose commitment to defend Israel and the Jewish people is nothing short of other-worldly.

Yes, the ZOA is a thought leader. But the ZOA is more of a battle tank than a think tank. We need your help to refuel the battle 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 and to further the special relationship between the U.S. and its greatest ally in the Middle East: Israel.

Let us not just say the battle cry of the Maccabees, but let us LIVE the acronym "*Mi kamocho ba'eilim Hashem* (מי כמוך באילים)" "Who is like You among the mighty, O G-d." Let us act mightily. Achim: Thank you for your support and continued partnership! *Chazak, chazak, v'nizchazak!* — **Kevin Ross**

Message From the Gala Chairpersons

Greetings! It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2023 Gala of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America. Not only are we honoring five spectacular honorees, but we are also celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Modern State of Israel, and the 125th Anniversary of the founding of ZOA!

Our most sincere thanks go out to you for your participation in tonight's event, your loyal commitment to support Greater Philadelphia ZOA, and your unwavering love and support for Israel – especially during Israel's trying times.

We are especially privileged to be able to recognize our honorees before such an esteemed audience who also displays a strong commitment to Israel through their words and actions. This year's honorees – individually and as a group – are people to admire for their individual bodies of work both in their professional lives, and for their dedication to Israel and other causes that promote and protect the Jewish People.

We gratefully congratulate Bart Blatstein, Justice Sandra Schultz Newman, Stan Casacio and Diane Cardano-Casacio, and Michael Goldfarb.

A big thanks, too, to Jack Levin and nationally recognized artist Perry Milou.

No event of the magnitude of Greater Philadelphia ZOA's Gala could be produced without the assistance of dedicated volunteers who donate their time and expertise to make the Gala a success. A warm and special thank you to Steve Feldman, our Executive Director, and his volunteer office assistant, Sharon, who has been in the office multiple days a week, week after week! We also want to recognize and thank our Board Members and other volunteers who work behind the scenes throughout the year and whose dedication is greatly appreciated. Finally, we want to extend a huge thank you to our ZOA National President Mort Klein, whose bravery, and pushback against antisemitism is on display daily. We look forward to hearing from him tonight.

Please take note of the businesses, institutions, and individuals whose generosity and support are exhibited on the pages of this Ad Journal and Tribute Book. We trust that you will patronize these supporters of Greater Philadelphia ZOA and utilize their services and purchase their products.

Again, thank you all for your resounding support!

Lynne Kessler Lechter and Bruce Holberg

Message From the Executive Director

Welcome to Greater Philadelphia ZOA's 2023 Gala. We have missed gathering with you, and, I trust, you have missed being with us.

We come together this evening to celebrate five individuals and to thank them for their participation in and service to the causes near and dear to us; to celebrate the re-birth of the Jewish state of Israel in the Jewish People's historic and legal Land 75 years ago; we celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Zionist Organization of America; and we celebrate one another and that — Baruch HaShem — we are alive, free, and fighting for what we believe in and hold dear. There is much to celebrate.

Yet we must temper celebration knowing that those aligned against the Jewish People, Zionism, Israel, America and liberty have grown in number and in strength.

Thus, each of us has work to do: Educating, advocacy, activism and outreach — the mission of ZOA in our region and nationally. Our skeleton staff, a few dozen lay leaders and other volunteers can achieve only limited success. We need to add to our cadre of lay leaders, volunteers and major donors. Can we count on you?

We need your participation, generosity, expertise and wisdom so we can grow and achieve even more. Everything that you care about depends on it!

Our new presentation: "Jew-Hatred: Its Many Sources and What YOU Can Do About It" is shocking — and, I hope, motivating. I encourage you to invite me to your congregation, group or home to present it.

We have had important successes over the past years — read them on the "Greater Philadelphia ZOA" page herein. Each is a result of tenacious and determined work.


Greater Philadelphia ZOA is not a one person operation, and neither is this Gala. I thank and salute our Board members and officers who are all volunteers -- led by Chairman Morton Gleit and President Kevin Ross — for their financial support, wisdom and efforts; I salute and thank Gala chairs Lynne Kessler Lechter and Bruce Holberg -- no Gala chairs have ever worked harder. I would be remiss if I did not single out volunteer Sharon Frisch who helps out in our office year-round and has been invaluable during "Gala Season." I value each and every volunteer.

ZOA is simultaneously a bottom-up organization that cherishes our strong grassroots, and a top-down organization led by Mort Klein, the most courageous leader in U.S. Jewry. Each is important and the nexus gives ZOA our strength and staying power. My hope is that each of you become lifelong supporters and participants, and lifelong activists for our causes. Each of you is invited to a cup of coffee and conversation. Reach out by phone or email. (office@zoaphilly.org or 610-660-9466).

We are grateful to all of those who are participating in this book for your support! *L'Shana Tova* to you and your loved ones! Have a healthy and prosperous year!

Steve

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- ◆ Mort Klein
 - ◆ The Board and Officers of Greater Philadelphia ZOA
 - ◆ The Gala Committee
 - ◆ Last but certainly not least: HaShem.
- 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 Greater Philadelphia ZOA Office at 610-660-9466 or email us at: office@zoaphilly.org.*

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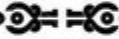
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We appreciate the never ending and extraordinary work of the ZOA in keeping Israel strong and secure.

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Roz and Bruce Holberg

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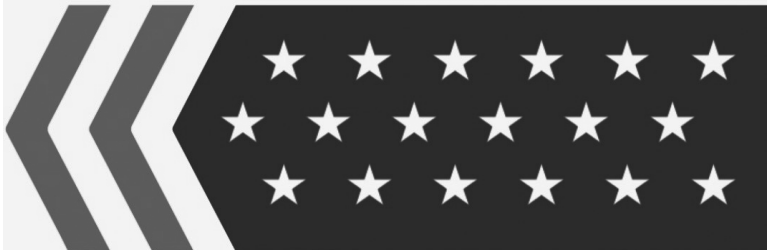
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Knowing her for the past 7 years we've been together has been an incredible experience! One that has had an unbelievable positive influence on my life. And I'm very grateful for us being in each other's life.

Speaking on behalf of the entire Newman family clan, let me say we are so proud of you and of all you've obtained in your life. This award by the ZOA organization has had YOUR name on it for a long time! It just took the ZOA time to catch up to you. To my wonderful wife with all my love and respect ... congratulations!



Diane and I are truly humbled to be recognized alongside Greater Philadelphia ZOA's additional outstanding award winners:

Bart Blatstein

Justice Sandra Schultz Newman

Michael Goldfarb

We believe that awards like these are a reflection of the collective effort and dedication of everyone involved. It's moments like this that remind us of the importance of collaboration and the incredible impact it can have on achieving remarkable results together. We will never, never surrender.

Stan

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Kol Ha Kavod to the honorees this year:

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Justice Sandra Schultz Newman

Stan Casacio & Diane Cardano-Casacio

Michael Goldfarb

Thank you for all you do, and G-d Bless Israel!

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To Justice Sandra Schultz Newman:

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To Bart Blatstein:

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The ZOA also is proud to recognize Bart Blatstein as one of the greatest businessmen of our area and era.

His courageous and visionary actions have had a powerful and positive impact on so many communities.

Despite his remarkable career and successes, he maintains a quiet humility and dignity rarely seen.

We congratulate him for receiving the very well-deserved **PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY AWARD** at the Greater Philadelphia ZOA Gala.

May Hashem provide the strength for him to continue his longtime commitment of support for the safety and security of the Jewish State of Israel and the Jewish people.

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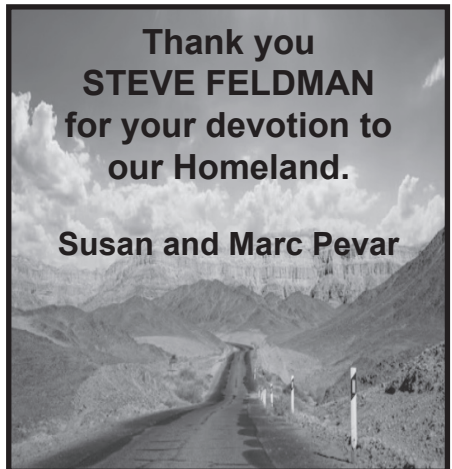
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O God, strengthen the defenders of our Holy Land; grant them salvation and crown them with victory. Establish peace in the land, and everlasting joy for its inhabitants.

Remember our brethren, the whole house of Israel, in all the lands of their dispersion. Speedily let them walk upright to Zion, the city, to Jerusalem Thy dwelling-place, as it is written in the Torah of Thy 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 fathers possessed, and you shall possess it."

Unite our heart to love and revere Thy Name, and to observe all the precepts of Thy Torah. Shine forth in Thy glorious majesty over all the inhabitants of Thy world. Let everything that breathes proclaim: "The Lord God of Israel is King; His majesty rules over all." Amen.



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He Who blessed our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob – may He bless the fighters of the Israel Defense Forces, who stand guard over our land and the cities of our God, from the border of the Lebanon to the desert of Egypt, and from the Great Sea unto the approach of the Aravah, on the land, in the air, and on the sea.

May the Almighty cause the enemies who rise up against us to be struck down before them. May the Holy One, Blessed is He, preserve and rescue our fighters from every trouble and distress and from every plague and illness, and may He send blessing and success in their every endeavor.

May He lead our enemies under our soldiers' sway and may He grant them salvation and crown them with victory. And may there be fulfilled for them the verse: For it is the Lord your God, Who goes with you to battle your enemies for you to save you.

Now let us respond: Amen.

Friends and Allies: Why America Helps Israel

Some claim that the United States should not be so supportive of Israel, or that being allies with Israel is making terrorists hate us. These same people claim that the United States supports Israel because of the “power” and “influence” of the so-called “Israel lobby”: Jewish Americans and Evangelical Christians.

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tries with replicas of the Liberty Bell are Germany, Belgium and Japan.

Israel is a free and open democracy with equal rights for all, and no discrimination. All Israeli citizens can vote and serve in Knesset.

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Israel’s request, it no longer receives U.S. economic aid — the only aid Israel now receives is military aid. All of that aid is spent in the U.S.

Also, a number of technological and military advances created by Israel help the U.S. Be wary of those trying to turn Americans against our friends in Israel. It is a mutually beneficial two-way relationship, with both countries helping one another and sharing and celebrating our common heritage and values that we cherish.

Now that you know how wonderful and valuable the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America is, please be sure to tell others.

Greater Philadelphia ZOA leads the way when it comes to education and advocacy on behalf of Israel, Zionism, the Jewish People and the U.S.-Israel relationship. We prevent and thwart Jew-hatred, anti-Israelism and anti-Zionism.

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