

Greater Philadelphia ZOA's 2024 **Night of Appreciation**



Rabbi Mendel Mandel, co-director of Chabad Lubavitch of Camden and Burlington Counties, presents our Pillar of the Community Award to businesswoman and humanitarian Judith M. Krupnick. Photo by Richard Chaitt



Night of Appreciation Co-Chairpersons Lynne K. Lechter and Bruce Holberg were at the forefront of a cadre of about 20 volunteers who worked with Greater Philadelphia ZOA Executive Director Steve Feldman over a period of several months to produce a wonderful and memorable event for the regional Zionist community. Lechter also serves as chapter co-president while Holberg is first vice president — and both also serve on our Board.

Holberg photo by Richard Chaitt.



U.S. Senator John Fetterman, D-PA, was the recipient of our Defender of Israel Award in appreciation of his outstanding and steadfast vocal and visible support of Israel during this past year. His schedule was such that he was not able to be with us in-person. Instead, he recorded a video in which he displayed our award, thanked ZOA for the honor and pledged his continued support for Israel. We displayed a replica of the award at the event, and it wowed our attendees.

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Greater Philadelphia Executive Director Steve Feldman (above left) and honoree and co-emcee Rich Zeoli present The Future Is Now Award to University of Pennsylvania senior and courageous Jewish communal activist Noah Rubin — a leader for today and for tomorrow.

Rabbi Ira Flax (right, in the photo to the left), part of the clergy team at Har Zion Temple, accepts our Guardian of Israel Award from Steve Feldman.



National ZOA President Morton A. Klein delivered his annual Philadelphia address — a stirring interlude from our award presentations that included a historical overview of American support of Zionism, the re-establishment of the Jewish state in our homeland, and finally for modern Israel.



Deputy Israeli Consul General Tzach Saar came down from New York to offer greetings and gratitude from the State of Israel.

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Dom Giordano (left), host of “The Dom Giordano Show,” and Rich Zeoli, host of “The Rich Zeoli Show” both heard weekdays on WPHT 1210 AM, each received our Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism, and they shared masters of ceremonies duties. They each delivered thoughtful acceptance speeches and kept our event flowing smoothly.

Photos by Richard Chaitt.



Rabbi Albert Gabbai, rabbi emeritus of Congregation Mikveh Israel and a member of our Board, led prayers for the United States, Israel and the IDF. Cantor Adam Gilbert (left in near photo) and acclaimed attorney Allen L. Rothenberg performed both national anthems as well as “G-d Bless America” and “Yerushalayim Shel Zahav.”

During the reception, both Bruce Fagan and Lou Walinsky entertained guests on piano.

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Our Night of Appreciation was a family affair for honoree Noah Rubin, who delivered his keynote address with his parents and an uncle in attendance, while in photo at right, Judith Krupnick and her sons (from left) David, Max and Mallach, enjoyed the accolades of an appreciative throng.



The dais for Greater Philadelphia ZOA's Night of Appreciation (from left) event co-Chair Bruce Holberg, honoree Noah Rubin, ZOA National President Morton Klein, honoree and emcee Dom Giordano, honoree and emcee Rich Zeoli, honoree and Board member Judith Krupnick, honoree Rabbi Ira Flax, and event co-Chair Lynne K. Lechter.

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The Pillar of the Community Award, the Defender of Israel Award and the Guardian of Israel Award



The Future Is Now Award and the two Ben Hecht Awards for Outstanding Journalism

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Honoree Judith M. Krupnick is aglow in response to multiple ballrooms filled with admirers emitting gratitude and love for her lifetime of good deeds on behalf of the community.

Meanwhile, while serving as emcee Dom Giordano hoists a replica of our Defender of Israel Award that we presented to Sen. Fetterman at our event, while live on his own show the following day he proudly displays our Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism for his audience live during his radio broadcast.



A glimpse of the attendees of our Night of Appreciation — all ages, multiple faiths, and from throughout our region and beyond. They enjoyed delicious food and beverages, informative and inspiring speeches, and unparalleled camaraderie.