

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
GREATER PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

2024

# Night of Appreciation

## Celebrating

- ◆ Our region's leading advocates for Israel
  - ◆ America & Israel and their special relationship
  - ◆ Zionism & American Patriotism
  - ◆ Israel's war heroes and civilian volunteers
- & in tribute to Israeli victims of terrorism, and hostages

### Our exemplary honorees:



SEPTEMBER 18, 2024/15-16 ELUL 5784

Please enjoy Greater Philadelphia ZOA's 2024 Night of Appreciation Ad Journal and Tribute book, and please patronize and thank those businesses and practices herein who support our organization and our special event.

While we have long planned to produce this book in digital form-only this year, it was our intent that it be published the evening of our Night of Appreciation. Due to unforeseen circumstances, it was delayed until now. We thank all of our advertisers and those who placed congratulatory notices for their patience and understanding.

### "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 בְּלֵבב פְּנִימָה  
נֶפֶשׁ יְהוּדִי הוֹמִיָּה,  
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עֵין לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפֶה -

עוֹד לֹא אֲבָדָה תִּקְוָתֵנוּ,  
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**2024 NIGHT OF APPRECIATION**

September 18, 2024/15-16 Elul 5784  
HILTON PHILADELPHIA CITY AVENUE

**HONORING:**

**JUDITH M. KRUPNICK, Pillar of the Community Award**  
**U.S. SEN. JOHN FETTERMAN, Defender of Israel Award**  
**RABBI IRA FLAX, Guardian of Israel Award**  
**NOAH RUBIN, The Future Is Now Award**  
**DOM GIORDANO & RICH ZEOLI, Ben Hecht Award for  
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# Message From The Event Co-Chairpersons

Erev tov!

It is with great pride and immense pleasure that we welcome you to the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America's 2024 Night of Appreciation. While we are awarding six spectacular honorees, we are also mourning the loss of Israeli lives. Tonight we pray for the victory and well-being of our warriors still engaged in battle, and for the well-being of the innocent hostages being held by Palestinian-Arabs.

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 these perilous times. This past year has been the most trying period in memory for us as we have worked overtime to prevent, expose and combat antisemitism in our community.

We are extremely privileged to be able to recognize our honorees before such an esteemed audience. This year's honorees — individually and as a group — are people to admire for their achievements in their professional lives, as well as their dedication to Israel and causes that promote and protect the Jewish people.

We gratefully congratulate our honorees:

- ❖ Judith M. Krupnick
- ❖ U.S. Senator John Fetterman
- ❖ Rabbi Ira Flax
- ❖ Noah Rubin
- ❖ Dom Giordano
- ❖ Rich Zeoli

A big thanks to Rachel Gabay and Sima Sherman for the wide array of beautiful Israeli Judaica products they have curated for us from their Jerusalem Israel Gift Shop for you to purchase for the High Holidays and Chanukah, and for your own personal enjoyment. Jeff Littman made the centerpieces for each of the tables.

No event of the magnitude of the Greater Philadelphia ZOA's Night of Appreciation could be produced without the assistance of dedicated volunteers who donate their time and expertise to making the evening a success. We especially thank those of our Board members and officers who played an active role, led by Mort and Ruth C. Gleit, and others who worked behind the scenes. We also offer a warm and heartfelt special thank you to Steve Feldman, our indefatigable executive director.

We want to extend a huge thank you to our ZOA National President Mort Klein, whose bravery and pushback against Jew-hatred 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 for your resounding support.

Lynne K. Lechter and Bruce Holberg

# Welcome

Dear Friends,

As a Greater Philadelphia resident, it is especially heartwarming to see all of you here at the Greater Philadelphia ZOA Night of Appreciation. Thank you, thank you, for your continued support for ZOA during these difficult times for Israel and the Jewish people.

In September 2023, ZOA warned about “Palestinian Writes” – an antisemitic, anti-Israel hate-fest about to take place at the University of Pennsylvania. We provided detailed information about the hate-mongering planned programs and speakers, and called for UPenn leadership to cancel this weekend of anti-Jewish incitement or be fired. Sure enough, the UPenn Hillel House was vandalized twice during this hate-fest. It was a portent of things to come – the massacre of innocent Jews in southern Israel that occurred just two weeks later, the accompanying explosion on college campuses that failed to protect Jewish students’ safety, and the resignations of several college presidents – including UPenn’s president.

Since October 7th, ZOA’s truth-telling role and activism has been more vital than ever. During this critical time, we have been combating a tsunami of terrible policy prescriptions and vicious lies about Israel, Jews and Zionism that fuel attacks on Jews and endanger the Jewish state. One of our most important weapons today is to continue telling the truth about Israel’s rights and humanity, and about its enemies’ depravity and utter disregard for life.

ZOA makes sure to bring important facts to the public’s attention that are rarely mentioned in the media. For instance, media rarely report on the plight of Israelis displaced by Hamas’ and Hezbollah’s attacks. But during my frequent appearances on Newsmax and other media, and during lectures throughout the U.S., I’ve discussed the suffering of over 200,000 displaced Israelis in northern and southern Gaza who still can’t go home, and are living in tents and hotels and crowding into other’s homes; and the fact that northern and southern Israel will not be habitable if Israel does not defeat Hamas and Hezbollah.

Other crucial facts that ZOA has brought to the public’s attention at Greater Philadelphia ZOA events such as its recent presentation on Jew-hatred, on Newsmax and other media appearances, and during lectures throughout the country, and at our well-attended pro-Israel rally in Times Square in New York City — which Philadelphians attended, include:

- the need to reimpose sanctions on and take action against Iran, and to remove the American airbase in Qatar, and discontinue payments to the P.A. (which fund “pay-to-slay” payments to Hamas terrorists) and to pressure Hamas to release the terrorists;
- the fact that there is no Israeli “occupation” of Gaza – not a single Jew has lived there since 2005 – and that chants to “Free Palestine” are a lie;
- Wikipedia’s failure to call Hamas “antisemitic” even though the Hamas charter calls for the murder of every Jew and for Israel’s destruction; and Wikipedia’s reliance on extreme Jew-haters such as Rashida Tlaib as its “commentators” on Israel;
- that the Hamas Nazis plan to kill every Christian after killing every Jew: Hamas co-founder Mahmoud al-Zahar has stated that its Islamist army will conquer all of the Earth and rule a world in which there will be “no Zionism, no treacherous Christianity”;
- that Biden’s demands that Israel not go into Hamas’ stronghold in Rafah, and that Israel should leave Gaza altogether, enable Hamas’ survival, impeded obtaining the hostages’ release, and could have led to Hamas’ recent cold-blooded executions of six young hos-

tages;

- that the Biden administration strengthened the Iranian regime by failing to enforce sanctions and paying Iran billions of dollars, which in turn enable Iran to fund Hamas;
- that we need to oppose the establishment of a Palestinian state, which will be run by terrorist leaders and endanger Israel and the entire Middle East;
- the complicity of UNRWA, Fatah terrorists (the Palestinian Authority's main party) and Gazan civilians in October 7; and the complicity of Gazan civilians in imprisoning and beating hostages;
- the absurdity of expecting the Hamas terrorist regime to abide by any ceasefire;
- that the Biden administration was hostile to Israel from its first day in office and appointed numerous hostile-to-Israel officials to important posts affecting Israel;
- that "genocide" charges against Israel are a total fabrication: Israel takes extraordinary measures to protect Gazan civilians, and the lowest number of Gazan civilians have been killed compared to combatants in the history of modern urban warfare;
- that campus anti-Israel riots and encampments are professionally organized and funded by Iran and foundations such as Tides, Soros' Open Society, the Rockefeller Bros. Fund, etc., and use outside professional organizers;
- that Iranian missiles are labeled with "Death to America, Death to Israel";
- antisemitism on social media; and
- the blatant falsehoods and procedural defects in ICC and ICJ proceedings that attempt to criminalize and sanction Israeli leaders for defending the Israeli people from terrorists;

In addition to our television, radio, podcast and in-person appearances and events, the Greater Philadelphia Chapter's newsletters and work, and ZOA's daily press releases, analyses, articles and op-eds are continuing to counter the flood of anti-Israel and anti-Jewish lies and policies.

ZOA's work on college campuses – and now also K-12 schools – is also more critical than ever. ZOA's Campus Department has hired additional campus professionals to deal with these expanded, extraordinary needs.

ZOA's Center for Law and Justice has been pursuing claims for Civil Rights violations on multiple campuses, and a lawsuit with outside counsel against the Cherry Hill public school district, on behalf of a high school student who was threatened and assaulted. In addition, ZOA is directly pushing for more action from top government officials on campuses. ZOA continues to follow up with all these efforts.

ZOA's Government Relations Department is also instrumental in educating and providing truthful information to members of Congress on the wide range of issues facing Israel and American Jews. It is gratifying that members of the House of Representatives have been initiating and/or passing numerous bills and resolutions reflecting ZOA's stands.

Thank you again for joining us and making ZOA's vital efforts nationally and locally possible.

With love and prayers for all of our friends, and for Israel's and America's safety and well-being. — Morton A. Klein

# 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. No group is as outspoken nor as bold as we are.

We cover the Philadelphia region, eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. We have pro-active, positive initiatives and activities devoted to education, advocacy and outreach. We also 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.

Since the Palestinian-Arab massacre, mass-murder, rapes and wounding of thousands of Israelis last Oct. 7 sparked an unparalleled, sustained wave of anti-Jewish activity — with the Philadelphia area becoming an epicenter of Jew-hatred and indoctrination against Israel, Zionism and Jews — Greater Philadelphia ZOA has responded in the following ways:

- ✓ We have met with pro-Israel students on multiple campuses;
- ✓ We have been featured as guests on talk-radio and published articles, op-eds and letters-to-the-editor in numerous publications;
- ✓ We created our “Information Ambulance,” a LED-panel truck that we have loaded with a score of messages and dispatched to dozens of locations throughout our region to rescue the truth;
- ✓ We have held special meetings on Zoom for parents and students and have spoken with school board members, school district officials and faculty;
- ✓ We have spent hours doing one-on-one support sessions by phone, social media and Zoom with traumatized individuals in the community;
- ✓ We have done advocacy workshops as well as multiple events featuring our audio/visual presentation “The Many Sources of Jew-Hatred and What You Can Do About Them”;
- ✓ We have dedicated our weekly newsletter (sent via email and posted on social media) to an emphasis on activism instruction, tools and resources including our long-running “Buy Israel” program; and
- ✓ We regularly monitor dozens of local anti-Jewish groups and individual activists on social media as well as local libraries.

Our 2022 unprecedented 27-page report detailing anti-Jewish/anti-Israel activities by city of Philadelphia agencies turned out to be prescient. We warned that schools, libraries and other official agencies were engaging in Jew-hatred, and left unchecked it would worsen. We were accused by others of exaggerations and fear-mongering. Yet we were correct.

Please make sure we have your current email address! Please participate in and support our vitally important work. Consider hosting a parlor meeting to introduce ZOA to your friends, family, neighbors and colleagues. Volunteer in our office or with our Vigilance Project. Learn more about us and the role you can play at 610-660-9466, [office@zoaphilly.org](mailto:office@zoaphilly.org) or at [philly.zoa.org](http://philly.zoa.org). We appreciate each and every member and each and every donation!

# Message From Our Board Chairman

Welcome to The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America's Night of Appreciation for 2024-5784.

What I have always cherished most about this special night is being in the company of those who love both America and Israel deeply, openly and proudly. I hope and pray this will be a special night for you and especially our amazing honorees.

I say this to my fellow Jews and those wonderful folks here of other faiths and non-faiths:

Since October 7, our world has been turned horrifically upside down. Hamas attacked Israel with the sole purpose of wiping out every Israeli-Jew, Arab, Christian, Druze, Bedouin, etc. — approximately 10 million people. This is genocide. But somehow the world and the Islamo/Left alliance along with the extreme Jew-hating right in our beloved country accuses Israel of being genocidal. A recent survey of Jewish college students shows 73% have experienced Jew-hatred on campus. The world and our enemies in The U.S. refuse to acknowledge mass rapes of Israelis, and are shocking silent on our hostages held in sickening inhuman captivity.

At ZOA the oldest pro-Israel organization in America, we have been all about standing up and proudly and strongly fighting back! It has never mattered to us how unpopular our stance is. We are all about what is good for our two homelands: America and the ancient and spiritual homeland Israel.

In 1993 I was horrified to see The Oslo “peace” deal. A “two-state solution” has never made any sense. Gaza, since Israel totally withdrew in 2005, has been a Palestinian state. How did that work out? I have always been so proud and blessed to be part of an organization that feels as staunchly as I do: The ZOA.

Please join with us beyond tonight as we fight the good fight. Our inspiring executive director, Steve Feldman, can be reached at 610-660-9466.

AM YISRAEL CHAI!

Roy Kardon, Chairman of the Board

# Message From Our Co-Presidents

Greetings fellow Zionists. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for joining us to celebrate our preeminent supporters of Israel and to assist us in raising the needed funds to defend Israel and our Jewish people for another year, via our annual Night of Appreciation. On October 7, 2023, the floodgates of Jew-hatred were burst open — unleashed with an intensity we have not experienced in decades. As always, Greater Philadelphia ZOA has been at the forefront of Israel's and the Jewish people's defense.

We initiated a very effective “Information Ambulance” -- a truck with LED panels on its sides and rear that projects the truth about Israel's defensive war against the Palestinian-Arabs and the alarming number of others who support them.

We exposed the odious “Palestinian Writes” program hosted by the University of Pennsylvania, that was actually a hate-filled propaganda event masquerading as a literature festival.

We have also mounted several successful letter-writing campaigns against various education, political and media officials who are participating in or fostering anti-Jewish activity.

ZOA is America's oldest pro-Israel Jewish defense organization. Since its birth in 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. ZOA uses its voice and activities to protect Jews in public schools, on college campuses, in our local communities, and in Israel. Extending Title VI civil rights protections to Jews on college campuses as well as the Taylor Force Act, are but two examples of major accomplishments that ZOA facilitated.

ZOA is not just a think tank. It's a battle tank taking the fight to the enemies of Israel and the Jewish people. Thank you for joining us tonight. By doing so, you make our work possible by filling up the tank with the gas, it needs to run for another year. Your donations are our fuel!

Our accomplishments are your accomplishments. Without your support none of our work and accomplishments would be possible. Thank you! Now more than ever your assistance is needed in helping us protect Israel and the Jewish people throughout our region.

We would like to express our special thanks to our Christian Zionist friends who support us and advocate alongside us. It gives us great comfort to know that we do not battle alone.

A huge thank you to our tireless Executive Director Steve Feldman, who works nearly 24/6 to do the impossible. He rejects “9am to 5pm.” To Steve, this is not a job, but a calling. His commitment to defend Israel and the Jewish people simply knows few boundaries.

A special thanks to ZOA National President Mort Klein for his continued vision and leadership. There is simply no one like him and we remain in awe of your accomplishments.

While we are in the midst of an unprecedented surge of Jew-hatred, working together, we will turn the tide.

Thank you for being our partner in this holy endeavor.

Warmly,

**Kevin Ross and Lynne K. Lechter, Co-Presidents**

PS: We are looking for more proud Zionists who are not afraid to speak up. If that is you, or if you know others that share our values who are not already a member, please let us know!

# Message From the Executive Director

Just more than a year ago, on September 7, 2023, the pro-Israel community here gathered for our annual Gala to mark Israel's re-establishment 75 years ago and the 125th anniversary of ZOA's founding. It was a festive night and many of you reading this were there.

No one in attendance would imagine that exactly one month later we would awaken to or end Shabbat/Simchat Torah learning that Palestinian-Arabs had perpetrated unimaginable savage atrocities against the people of Israel that morning local time.

Palestinian-Arabs slaughtered more than 1,200 Israelis – mostly young Jews; they wounded and raped thousands more; they took hundreds including Americans hostage into the Gaza Strip (they still hold scores); they forever changed the nation of Israel; and they shook the Jewish People globally. But the atrocities were not just for one day, and the attacks were not limited to Israel.

Throughout the Diaspora, Jew-haters created an earthquake of anti-Jewish physical assaults, intimidation, persecution, demonstrations and boycotts in nearly every facet of society. Islamists, Arabs, Marxists, "Progressives" and others have waged an unrelenting war against the Jewish People — in the news media and on social media; in the streets; in the halls of governments; and most despicably on university campuses and even K-12 schools. None of it began on Oct. 8. What is new is the openness, intensity and popularity.

Meanwhile, Lebanon's Hezb'allah launched a second front in the war against Israel, pelting the Jewish state with thousands of missiles and drones. Thank G-d for Iron Dome! Islamists in Yemen, Iraq, Syria and Gaza continue firing deadly rockets at Israelis to this day.

Given all of the above, how could we possibly have a "Gala" this year? Yet we needed to be together and recognize those who excelled in support of Israel, Jewry and Zionism.

I and our two event co-chairs: the indispensable **Lynne K. Lechter** and **Bruce Holberg** -- put our collective minds together and rebranded Greater Philadelphia ZOA's biggest event of the year, and thus we have our Night of Appreciation.

"Appreciation" is not sufficient a label for what the pro-Israel community owes to our six honorees for all they have done during the past year. Many in our community have done plenty for the multiple causes which define ZOA. Yet **Judith M. Krupnick, U.S. Sen. John Fetterman, Rabbi Ira Flax**, Penn student **Noah Rubin** and talk-radio hosts **Dom Giordano** and **Rich Zeoli** have done so with courage and aplomb.

Open support for Israel, Zionism and the Jewish People today are acts of bravery. Often they draw rebukes and even professional and personal repercussions and abuse – yet Krupnick, Fetterman, Flax, Rubin, Giordano and Zeoli are principled and so are undeterred.

Each of you reading this message must also be undeterred in your visible, vocal and tangible support for the Jewish People, Zionism and our beloved Israel. The Zionist Organization of America will not be deterred. We run toward the problems to solve them rather than cowering or appeasing! I encourage you to participate in our educating, advocacy and outreach. Financially support us so we can thrive and grow. Get involved. If you want to know more or how you can get involved, call me at 610-660-9466 or email me at [office@zoaphilly.org](mailto:office@zoaphilly.org). I look forward to hearing from you.

I thank all of our advertisers and donors and all of our many valued volunteers, our leadership and my colleagues for making our Night of Appreciation a successful endeavor.

*Steve Feldman*

# Thank you!

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  - ◆ Those others who volunteered tonight and during the event process.
    - ◆ Mort Klein
  - ◆ the Board and Officers of Greater Philadelphia ZOA
    - ◆ the Event 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](mailto:office@zoaphilly.org)

# 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 our people and for a near and dear cause rather than for reward or recognition. 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, and/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) Judith M. Krupnick**

Judith M. Krupnick was raised in Lakewood, N.J. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education from Glassboro State College in 1972, graduating summa cum laude.

Judith attended graduate school at the University of South Carolina, where she graduated second in her class, earning a Master’s in Education, with an emphasis in Counseling. She then continued post-graduate work at the University of South Carolina earning 30 additional hours. Judith taught special education for 13 years in Texas and South Carolina, dedicating herself to inspiring elementary, middle and high school students. She was department chairperson, was responsible for an honors homeroom and sponsored several high school clubs.

In 1984, Judith returned to New Jersey to work for her father at Cherry Hill Volvo. She became general manager in 2004, and upon her father’s passing in 2005, she became President of Cherry Hill Volvo Cars.

Since assuming that role, the store and many of the employees have earned numerous prestigious awards, locally and nationally. Cherry Hill Volvo has been named as a top work place. The store has earned the prodigious Dealer of Excellence Award from Volvo Cars US. Judith is very proud to work with such an accomplished team.

Prior to adopting two of her sons, Judith served on several local, state and national boards including the Jewish Community Foundation, Crescent Memorial Park, the Zionist Organization of American (Greater Philadelphia Chapter), and is a trustee for the New Jersey Coalition of Automotive Retailers and the Volvo Creative Forum.

She also has received numerous personal awards. Among them, she was named an Ayshet Chayil by the Politz Day School that was an especially rewarding experience, as was the Founder's Award bestowed in 2017 by Chabad of Camden and Burlington Counties.

Judith recognizes her father, David, as THE MOST significant influence in her life. His contributions to her personal growth and career development have been unmeasurable. She learned compassion, patience and philanthropy from her father; these attributes have served her well in all aspects of her life, including parenting her own children, Malach, David, Max and Leeat.

Judith has dedicated much of her philanthropy to the local Jewish community. She has generously contributed to the Politz Day School, funding including the outdoor playground named in honor of her children, and the most recent project: the state-of-the art Krupnick Family Gymnasium, which raised the school to an entirely new level.

Judith is also proud to have dedicated the Krupnick Chabad Lubavitch Campus and the Krupnick Family Torah Links Center in Cherry Hill. She has also contributed much anonymously to the well-being and support of many local families, taking care of their vital needs in a most humble, private and dignified manner, without fanfare.

For all that Judith has contributed to the South Jersey community and beyond, she hopes to have made her father very proud. However, Judith is most proud of her sons, Malach, David and Max — raising such incredible sons has been her greatest contribution.

# The Defender of Israel Award

While it may come 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 are lauded for 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. Often they are akin to the salmon swimming against the current, realizing that doing what is right is more important than following the crowd.

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

# Defender of Israel Award Recipient

## U.S. Senator John Fetterman, D-PA

In 2005, while John was teaching GED classes, John Fetterman was encouraged by his students to run for mayor of Braddock, PA. He served as mayor for 13 years. In 2018, he was elected as Pennsylvania's Lt. Governor.

Fetterman was elected the junior Senator from Pennsylvania in November 2022, and was sworn-in on January 3rd, 2023.

Sen. Fetterman serves on the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works. The senator also serves on the critical Joint Economic Committee and the Special Committee on Aging.

Since becoming a senator, Fetterman has been an outspoken supporter and defender of Israel, and visited the Jewish state where he met with Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Herzog.

Sen. Fetterman has frequently gone on-the-record to state what should be obvious although with a biased and often corrupt news media and propaganda operatives, has become muddled:

“ ‘I want to be very clear, I thought what Israel chose to do about blowing up the pagers and walkie talkies and after targeting and eliminating membership and leadership of Hezbollah, I absolutely support that,’ Fetterman (D-Pa.) said. ‘In fact, if anything, I love it.’ ” — politico.com

“ ‘I forcefully condemn these cowardly, horrifying, unprovoked attacks on Israel by Hamas,’ he tweeted on October 7.” — mishpacha.com

“ ‘When I heard how they tortured, mutilated, and murdered families, I thought to myself that if that was my family, I’d say that that kind of evil should not be allowed to endure. It has to be destroyed. And I can’t imagine why the entire world wouldn’t be appalled by that kind of barbarism.’ ”

“ ‘We can’t forget about the truths of this war,’ he continues. ‘That Hamas started this, carried out the kind of massacre that hasn’t happened since the Holocaust, and Israel has been forced to respond. Let’s never forget that Hamas is responsible for the suffering of the Palestinian people. They don’t have a spiritual connection to the Palestinian people whose death and suffering they deem a necessary sacrifice.’ ”

“ ‘I fully support the prime minister’s idea that he can never allow a permanent ceasefire [if] Hamas is allowed to be functional’ said Fetterman, speaking in Jerusalem during his first trip to Israel.” — timesofisrael.com

“ ‘I could never support Israel being bullied into an artificial kind of permanent ceasefire against an enemy like Hamas.’ ” — timesofisrael.com

# The Guardian of Israel Award

Israel has a strong, courageous and much-admired defense force. But the threats to Israel's existence are not limited to the battlefield.

Her enemies are constantly working to undermine and delegitimize Israel; to hurt her economically; to erase the overwhelming public support throughout much of the West for the Jewish State – including here in America. Other adversaries work within the Jewish community to weaken affinity with the Jewish state — to break the very bond rooted in Judaism between a People and our homeland.

These enemies trade in lies and propaganda. Their weapons include doctored photos; quotes and statistics taken out of context; phony “victims” and staged events for the media; and promises of peace they have no intention of fulfilling.

They are particularly effective against our young, impressionable and under-informed members of the community. There are also the timeless foes known as “complacency” and “apathy.”

It is our duty, as people who love Israel, to take on these enemies and counter them with education and advocacy and activism.

By writing and talking, demonstrating and lobbying, buying goods from Israel, hearing from guest speakers from Israel and other acts, we fight back and protect Israel in the war of ideas.

Some go the extra mile, casting aside “political correctness,” rolling up their sleeves, cajoling and nudging and assertively imparting their love for Israel to others. They speak with family and friends, or young people, or congregants, or colleagues about these matters. Though the pulpit is their platform, they work tirelessly in the foreground and in the background to convey what they believe and know as truth.

They know just the right thing to say to light that spark in an individual or a congregation. Some even take congregants to Israel to give them a first-hand positive experience.

They instill pride in Israel and make sure we never forget our Israeli brothers and sisters nor our homeland.

Such people are worthy of the title “Guardian of Israel.”

# **Guardian of Israel Award Recipient Rabbi Ira Flax**

Rabbi Ira M. Flax is a retired United States Air Force chaplain, having attained the rank of lieutenant colonel.

He served as a member of the Headquarters Air Staff for the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and chaired an Information Technology Action Group for the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Assigned to the United States Air Force Academy, Col. Flax was appointed lecturer for the departments of History, Philosophy, and Political Science. A highly decorated officer, Rabbi Flax is the recipient of 30 different awards, commendations, decorations, and medals. Additionally, he was deployed twice to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Bahrain.

Ancillary to Rabbi Flax's distinguished military career is his service to the distant Jewish communities where he served. Leading a seder for the Turkish community in Adana as well as cleaning and rededicating of cemeteries in the Rhine region of Germany, Rabbi Flax built bridges between congregations and communities. Most notable was the relationship he fostered with Israeli Naval personnel working on the Saar 5 missile boats in Mississippi.

Upon retiring from active duty, Rabbi Flax dedicated his time to teaching, preaching, and volunteering. Committed to various causes, he lent his voice and effort to the Jewish War Veterans. He served as the Chief of Chaplains for the National Sojourners and President of the Retired Jewish Military Chaplains for the Jewish Welfare Board.

Most recently, Har Zion Temple has engaged him to serve as its community chaplain.

A lifelong Zionist, Rabbi Flax and his family has visited Israel many times. In 1974, he visited Israel under the auspices of ZOA and spent the summer at the Kfar Silver Youth Village.

Rabbi Flax and his wife Vicki are the proud parents of two grown children, Debra (Sam) Kitchen and Rabbi Benjamin (Adena) Flax, and the even prouder grandparents of two granddaughters, Wallis Kitchen and Simona Flax.

# The Future Is Now Award

Many of us are bewildered why it seems that so many young Jews are not interested in Israel and Zionism, or worse: that so many young Jews participate in groups or activities that are actually anti-Zionist, anti-Israel — and therefore anti-Jewish. "How can this be?" we wonder. What kind of parents must they have? What kind of teachers? What kind of rabbi?

Yet there are plenty of young Jews who are engaged -- deeply engaged -- in pro-Israel and Zionist advocacy and activism. They rarely get the recognition or the spotlight. More established figures tend to get the *koved*.

When we do see these young people doing what we expect all young Jews to do, we kvell and we proclaim "They are our future!"

Yes, we hope they remain engaged, and we of older generations have to help keep them engaged and active in our movement.

But we must not only think of them as the "future." We must acknowledge that they are doing great things in the present and play an important role today. They deserve the recognition and the *koved* and they need to be encouraged.

Thus, "The future is now."

Each one of us can help young Jews to be involved in pro-Israel and Zionist activities. Engage them in conversations about Israel. Ask them what they know and find out what they are learning in school or hearing from their friends, or in the media, or pop culture — and gently correct wrong information and fill-in knowledge gaps. Mentor them and suggest things they can do: Be it posting on social media, helping to inform their friends, contacting lawmakers, monitoring the media and responding to bias and even analyzing their own textbooks and other materials. Help them find Web sites with factual reporting and accurate historical data. Yes, also introduce them to ZOA, bring them to a meeting or along on our annual Washington Advocacy Mission, and purchase a ZOA membership for them as a gift.

Each of us holds the key to a better future for Israel and Zionism and the Jewish community by helping to shape the young people in our lives now.

If you need suggestions for resources or activities, please phone our Office at 610-660-9466 or email us at [office@zoaphilly.org](mailto:office@zoaphilly.org). We will eagerly speak with any student or young professional — or their parents, grandparents or others to offer help or guidance, or to answer questions about the issues.

# **The Future Is Now Award Recipient**

## **Noah Rubin**

Noah Rubin is a senior in the Wharton Management and Technology dual degree program at the University of Pennsylvania, studying Electrical Engineering and Business.

He is the current Co-President of UPenn Students Against Antisemitism, the former Co-President of the Penn Israel Public Affairs Committee, serves on the Chabad Penn Board, and has been selected to the student advisory board to advise the Penn President on antisemitism.

He recently testified during a U.S. House Education and Workforce Committee hearing, and has joined the lawsuit against UPenn alleging a hostile environment for Jews.

Noah has contributed to dozens of news articles, reports, and published op-eds in global outlets such as *The New York Post*.

Noah is 21 years old and from Boca Raton, Florida.

# The Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism

is awarded by the Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia Chapter to a journalist, author or media figure whose work best exemplifies the principles that guided Ben Hecht: Using one's communication skills 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, Dom Giordano and Michael Goldfarb.

Ben Hecht (1894-1964) was a muckraking newspaper reporter, author of dozens of books and an acclaimed screenwriter and playwright. Hecht was a patriotic American who worked tirelessly to save European Jewry from the Nazis, and he was a devoted Zionist. He was widely scorned for his efforts to rescue Jews and to re-establish Israel, yet he fought on to advance both causes. Hecht's pageants — performed live onstage around the country — 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*. Later, Hecht penned more than 70 credited and uncredited Hollywood 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](http://www.aish.com/j/sod/stars_of_David_Ben_Hecht.html) and <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0372942/>

# **Ben Hecht Award Recipients**

## **Dom Giordano & Rich Zeoli**

More than any local broadcasters Giordano have Israel's and the Jewish community's back by being at the forefront of being pro-truth and pro-context. A media figure need not be aggressively pro-Israel. The truth and the facts are on Israel's and the Jewish People's side. A journalist merely has to be honest and to have integrity — that is all that we can expect, and Giordano and Zeoli are both honest and in generous in bringing the facts and clarity to their respective audiences.

Giordano and Zeoli smash the lies and propaganda, and each simplifies a complex series of subjects for thousands in our area and beyond. Both also fill in for national hosts and contributes to other local and national programs. Each is among the top local hosts in their respective time slots in the nation.

Giordano, the dean of Philadelphia talk radio, hosts his show weekdays from noon to 3 p.m. Zeoli, a former political consultant, follows Giordano and is live until 7 p.m. Their shows air on 1210 AM WPHT as well as on podcasts and on YouTube.

In addition to being honorees this year, Giordano and Zeoli are also serving as our event emcees and we look forward to an entertaining, thoughtful, informative and smoothly flowing and fast-paced event under their direction.

# Lest We Forget

On October 7, 2023, palestinian-Arabs savagely murdered, raped, wounded, abused or took hostage thousands of Israelis including Americans. We will always remember these atrocities. We pray that the injured are healed, that the captives are freed safely, and that those Israelis who have had to flee their homes and businesses be able to return in peace as safely and as quickly as possible.



Greater Philadelphia ZOA thanks and salutes the courageous men and women of the IDF, Shin Bet, Border Police and other security services, as well as the first responders, and the everyday Israeli volunteers who have stepped up to help their nation in its time of need. We also thank the many volunteers who have come from overseas — including many ZOA members — to Israel to help and volunteer in myriad ways



We see, hear and feel the eruption of anti-Jewish activity and attacks in America during the past year by enemies of the Jewish People, and its repugnant acceptance and popularity among so many others.

We vow to defeat our enemies and we will not forget their accomplices and those who remain silent!



In memory of those Greater Philadelphia  
ZOA Members, Supporters and Friends who  
passed away since our 2023 Gala.

Our organization and the causes of Israel and  
Zionism are bereft by your loss.

May your loved ones be comforted among  
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  - ◆ Rabbi Ira Flax
  - ◆ Noah Rubin
- ◆ Dom Giordano
  - ◆ Rich Zeoli

We Salute & *Yeshaer Koach* to  
Greater Philadelphia ZOA

for the outstanding tireless dedication and  
support through education and advocating  
on behalf of a strong and secure Israel and the  
Jewish people.

**Malka Kantor Rapkin  
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*From the desk of Stephen Lee Crane*

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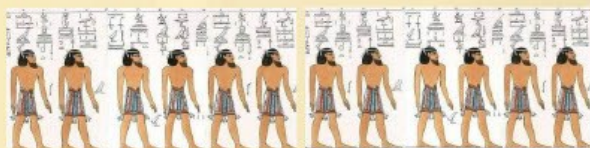
*Knowing the historical backdrop of Torah can support and enhance religious or secular understanding of this great work. With modern discoveries and critical thinking, it is increasingly urgent to reconcile Bible with history.*

*Kindly have a look at my new book on the history behind the Torah narrative, *When Bible Meets History: Ancient Voices Tell Their Story*. It has been well-received as a reference for Torah study, especially with its 54 chapters. Many have also enjoyed it as a straight read.*

*The reader is presented with actual documents and archeological discoveries that affected and chronicled the history comprising the Five Books of Moses. Wouldn't such extra-Biblical references give additional insights for study of Torah? Wouldn't they help with the unresolved question of whether history is compatible with Torah? The relationship between history and Torah is explored, reconciled, and found compatible. Another conclusion is that over-emphasis on history obscures many marvels of Torah, including its teaching, poetry, morals, spirituality, metaphor, and rearrangement of chronology, all of which create dimensions much greater than mere so-called history.*

*I have the privilege to distribute a few complimentary copies of the book, so if you know of a person or group that could appreciate samples, please write me before supplies run out. Otherwise, Amazon, Pavilion Press, and others have listed the hardcopy and the eBook. Slightly larger quantities are available at wholesale with [pavilionpress.com](http://pavilionpress.com). I welcome comments and inquiries.*

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# WHEN BIBLE MEETS HISTORY

ANCIENT VOICES TELL THEIR VERSION

By Stephen Lee Crane



Entering Egypt

Knowing the historical backdrop of the *Five Books of Moses – Torah* – can support and enhance religious or secular understanding of this great work.

We congratulate all of this year's honorees  
for their lifetime accomplishments and  
dedication to Israel.

In particular, we thank Senator Fetterman  
for his courage in standing by Israel's side  
in its time of need.

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

**Ed Altman and Ann Holstein**

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**1948: A great miracle — **אֵינֶנּוּ אֶתְּנֶנּוּ**  
Israel declares its independence!**

**Lois Kenner Levy**

*Wishing ZOA's honorees Judith Krupnick, Rabbi Ira Flax, Dom Giordano and Rich Zeoli Mazel Tov on their well deserved recognition; Sending words of support and encouragement to Noah Rubin as he fights the good fight at our alma mater Penn—so many fellow alumni stand with you in demanding that Penn do better to protect its Jewish and Zionist students;*

*And expressing gratitude, delight and unconditional praise for Pennsylvania's maverick Senator John Fetterman, a man who has placed truth, facts, integrity and justice above political expediency and partisan rhetoric in his support for Israel's safety and security and regarding other issues in America's national interests—thank you Senator Fetterman!*

Phil Rosenzweig and Beth Zemble

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**Congratulations to the 2024  
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**Judith M. Krupnick**

**Senator John Fetterman**

**Rabbi Ira Flax**

**Noah Rubin**

**Dom Giordano & Rich Zeoli**

**Particular thanks are due to the Zionist  
Organization of America and the  
Greater Philadelphia Chapter for being  
a consistent source of knowledge and  
truth during challenging times.**

**With sincere appreciation and thanks,  
Jerome I. Marcus, MD**

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"Hear oh Israel, the Lord our G-d, the Lord is one."



For millennia, we Jews have died and fought to stand up for the Jewish people and our ancestral homeland, Israel.

Tonight we pray for all those who have lost their lives and are fighting against Hamas' savagery and Hezbollah's aggression.

We honor and appreciate our special community leaders who have stood up against Jew-hatred and the odious defamation against Israel. And we thank you all for being here to show support for these efforts!

A huge thank you to Mort Klein and Steve Feldman for your bravery, vision and leadership; and much appreciation to Event Co-Chair Bruce Holberg for your tireless efforts.

*Abelardo and Lynne Lechter*

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In these, the most treacherous times in decades for our people, ZOA of Greater Philadelphia is on the forefront of the fight for Israel and the Jews of our community.

This has not come without cost, both in effort and assets.

Under the direction of Executive Director Steve Feldman, our activity this year has been effective and nonstop.

We wish to offer our gratitude to Steve, Mort Klein, and Event Co-Chair Lynne Lechter, as well as a very sincere thank you to our Honorees and to you for supporting our mission and being with us tonight.

*Roz and Bruce Holberg*

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**Mazal Tov to the ZOA Award Recipients  
For their support of and advocacy for Israel  
Judith Krupnick • Sen. John Fetterman  
Rabbi Ira Flax • Noah Rubin  
Dom Giordano • Rich Zeoli**

**Hats off to Lynne Kessler Lechter, Bruce Holberg  
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**Thank you, ZOA, for your tireless and zealous  
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**In loving memory of all those killed in the  
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# Thank You

to the 2024 Greater Philadelphia ZOA  
honorees for your never-ending support  
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Thank you Senator Fetterman for  
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**Seth Zwillenberg & Rene Rubin**

Congratulations to all of the awardees.

We shall always remember the victims of Hamas and its allies, most recently:

On July 25, the IDF announced the recovery of the bodies of five captives: Ravid Katz, 51, Oren Goldin, 33, Maya Goren, 56, Sgt. Kiril Brodski, 19, and Staff Sgt. Tomer Yaakov Ahimas, 20.

On August 25, the military recovered the remains of six others: Alex Dancyg, 75, Yagev Buchshtav, 35, Chaim Peri, 79, Yoram Metzger, 80, Nadav Poplewell, 51, and Avraham Munder, 78.

And now, Hersh Goldberg-Polin, 23, Eden Yerushalmi, 24, Ori Danino, 25, Alex Lobanov, 32, Carmel Gat, 40, and Almog Sarusi, 27:

"autopsy finds all 6 had gunshot wounds"

השם יקום דמם

(source: <https://www.timesofisrael.com/bodies-of-6-hostages-murdered-by-hamas-just-days-earlier-found-in-rafah-idf/> , 1 Sept 2024)

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Kevin Jon Williams

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## Congratulations to the Honorees of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America 2024 Gala

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*U.S. Senator John Fetterman - Defender of Israel Award*

*Rabbi Ira Flax of Har Zion Temple - Guardian of Israel Award*

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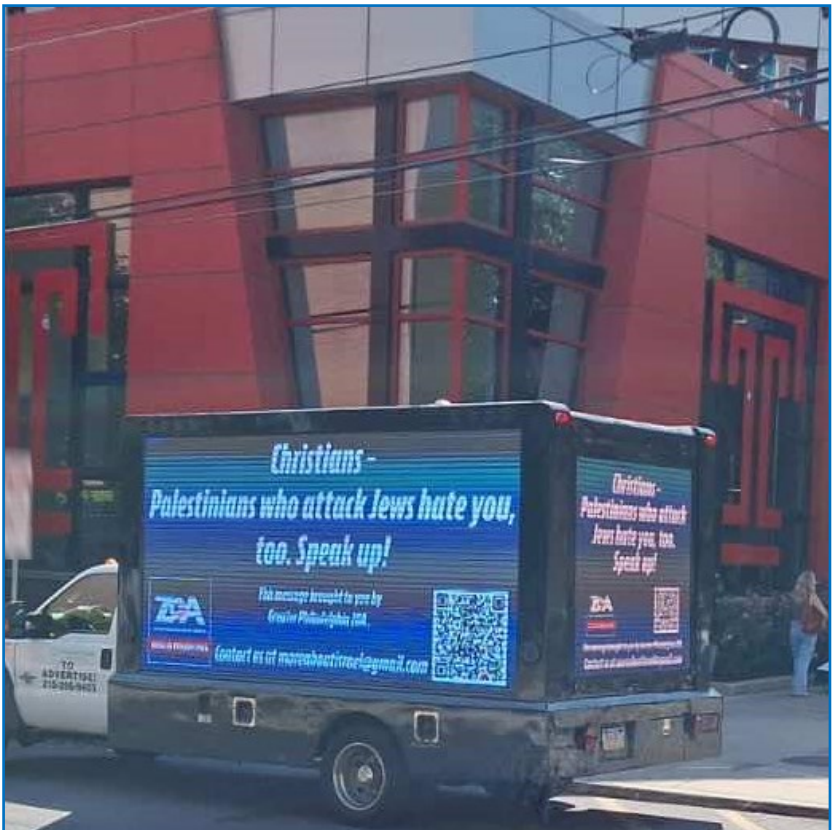
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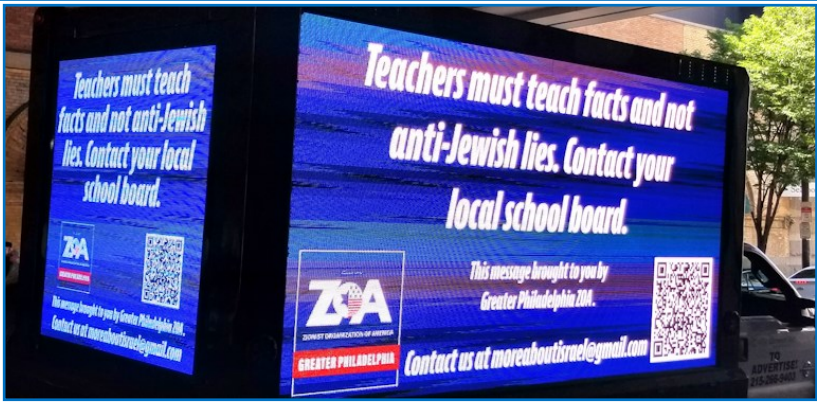
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