

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article 1
You are invited to attend and participate in

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

Night of Appreciation

**Celebrating America, Israel and their advocates
at a time of great need.**

**Commemorating the ratification of the
United States Constitution!**

Constitution Day: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

at the Hilton City Avenue

Join with us and help us honor:

Stacy Garrity

Pennsylvania Treasurer

Defender of Israel Award

Steve & Elaine Crane

Communal leaders & advocates

Pillars of the Community Award

Dr. Victoria Coates

of the Heritage Foundation

Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism

Master of Ceremonies: Gary Erlbaum

Stacy Garrity is our Defender of Israel Award recipient. She is the 78th Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She retired as a colonel in the Army Reserve, having served three combat deployments. Stacy was twice awarded the Bronze Star. Through her leadership, the Pennsylvania Treasury Department has \$64.5 million in Israel Bond investments — increasing the state’s holdings rather than ceding to pressure to divest. “Israel is our greatest ally in the Middle East, and I will continue to stand by them in their fight to achieve peace. Israel bonds are a smart, dependable investment with a proven track record – and it’s especially important to show our support at a time when Israelis and Jews — both abroad and here in the United States — continue to face horrific acts of antisemitism.”

Steve & Elaine Crane are our Pillars of the Community Award recipients. **Steve** has spent his life engaged in real estate, construction, writing, publishing and involvement in Jewish causes. He built houses and developed communities in Philadelphia and its suburbs with emphasis on townhouses. He is the author of several books including *When Bible Meets History* and *Survivor from an Unknown War*. He has also published books and has been active in a variety of Jewish organizations. **Elaine’s** professions have included teaching and public relations. She was the first female English teacher in 125 years at Central High School. She also taught at Lewis College, Centenary College and Morris County College. She has also taught Hebrew. She has served as president of a chapter of a Jewish organization.

Dr. Victoria Coates is the recipient of our Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism. Her most recent book is *The Battle For The Jewish State: How Israel—And America—Can Win*, and she has authored dozens of articles about Israel and the broader Middle East. She serves as vice president of the Heritage Foundation’s Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy. She served as President Trump’s Deputy National Security Advisor for the Middle East and North Africa, overseeing the Maximum Pressure Campaign against Iran and initiating the negotiations for the Abraham Accords. She is also the author of *David’s Sling: A History of Democracy in Ten Works of Art*.

The ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA and

Greater Philadelphia ZOA help the Jewish people, promote Israel, foster Zionism and strengthen the mutually beneficial U.S.-Israel relationship — since 1897. ZOA is active throughout America including on the campuses and on Capitol Hill, and led the fights to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and to have Title VI protect Jewish students. Our chapter covers Eastern Pennsylvania, South Jersey and Delaware where we tenaciously engage in educational, advocacy and outreach activities and initiatives. We were the first to expose the systemic anti-Jewish activities in the School District of Philadelphia and Free Library of Philadelphia. We fight anti-Jewish propaganda in the news media and elsewhere. We have led demonstrations, meetings with lawmakers and a host of workshops and webinars including advocacy training, self-defense and first aid. We are the most experienced such group in our region. We take Jew-hatred seriously and work pro-actively to defeat or mitigate it. Join us in this fight.

**Enjoy an evening to support Greater Philadelphia
ZOA's vitally important work, partake in
camaraderie and hear from Honorees:**

STACY GARRITY

STEVE AND ELAINE CRANE

DR. VICTORIA COATES

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**Remarks by ZOA National President Morton A. Klein
Master of Ceremonies: Gary Erlbaum**

National anthems and uplifting music and a commemoration of the
anniversary of the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Plus: An art exhibit and sale.

**Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue
4200 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131**

BUFFET RECEPTION — 5:30 PM

AWARD CEREMONY — 7 PM

FOLLOWED BY DESSERT RECEPTION

DIETARY LAWS OBSERVED (Vaad Hakashruth of Philadelphia)

ADMISSION: \$275 (Until Aug. 25 — \$300 thereafter)

**Discount for young professionals (35 and below) and
full-time students. RESERVED TABLE FOR 10: \$3,100**

Tickets may be purchased by check, or online at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)
Search: "Philadelphia ZOA"

Questions? Contact us at 610-660-9466.

For more on our honorees or Greater Philadelphia ZOA, sign up for our email: office@zoaphilly.org

Our 2025 Honorees:



Stacy Garrity



Steve & Elaine Crane



Dr. Victoria Coates

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