



**Zionist Organization of America  
Greater Philadelphia Chapter  
2025**

# Night of Appreciation

**Ad Journal & Tribute Book**



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- ✓ **Supporting Israel**
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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 יוֹם בְּלִבִּי פְּנִימָה  
נִפְשׁ יְהוּדִי הוֹמִיָּה,  
וּלְפָנָי מִזְרַח קַדִּימָה  
עֵץ לְצִיּוֹן צוֹפֵה -

עוֹד לֹא אָבְדָה תִּקְוָתֵנוּ,  
הַתִּקְוָה בְּת שְׁנוֹת אֲלָפִים.  
לְהִיָּת עִם חִפְזֵי בְּאֲרָצֵנוּ  
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# Message From the Event Chairperson

Good evening, friends, supporters and champions of Zionism!

It is my honor and privilege to welcome you tonight to the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia Chapter's Night of Appreciation. This is an evening dedicated to recognizing four extraordinary individuals who have stood with us in our unwavering fight against Jew-hatred, in resolute support for Israel, and in support of the Jewish people globally. Not only are we honoring these four spectacular honorees, but we are also marking the more than 77 years since the establishment of the founding of the Modern State of Israel, and the 128th Anniversary of ZOA's founding.

And, we are also celebrating the anniversary of the Constitution of the United States.

For 128 years, the ZOA has been on the forefront in bravely advocating for the Jewish People, in combating anti-Semitism on college campuses and shockingly in the public schools, as well as wherever Jew-hatred threatens Jewish life and dignity. We are proud to be America's oldest pro-Israel organization, and we remain as committed as ever in defending the unbreakable bond between the United States of America and the modern Jewish State of Israel.

We are especially privileged to recognize our special honorees before such an esteemed audience who display a strong commitment to Israel and our ZOA chapter through their actions and financial support. This year's honorees – individually and collectively – are people to admire for their individual bodies of work both in their professional lives, and for their publicly steadfast dedication to Israel, and for their other actions that protect the Jewish people.

We gratefully congratulate Stacy Garrity, Steve Crane and Elaine Crane, and Dr. Victoria Coates.

An event of this magnitude of the Greater Philadelphia ZOA's Night of Appreciation could not be executed without the assistance and dedication of board members and volunteers who donate their time and expertise to make the night a success. A warm and special thank you to Steve Feldman, our Executive Director, who practically lives in the office, working tirelessly; and Event Committee members Mort and Ruth Gleit, Len Getz, Phil Rosensweig, Ethel Hofman, Shani Feinstein, Roy Kardon, and our numerous other volunteers. Finally, I want to extend a huge and special thank you to our ZOA National President Mort Kein, whose bravery, and repudiation against antisemitism is on display daily. To paraphrase Menachim Begin: Mort is assuredly not a Jew with trembling knees. We look forward to hearing from him tonight.

Finally, 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 encourage you to patronize these supporters of the Greater Philadelphia ZOA and utilize their services and purchase their products.

Again, thank you for all your tremendous support!

**Lynne Kessler Lechter, Esq.**

## *Welcome*

Welcome, dear friends, and thank you for continuing to support the Zionist Organization of America and our critical work in defense of the Jewish State of Israel and the Jewish people. With Jew-hatred and Israel-hatred surging in the U.S. and around the world, ZOA's work is more crucial than ever. We at ZOA understand the issues and will always courageously act and speak out! As former Israeli Ambassador to US Dr. Michael Oren acknowledged to all the top Jewish leaders at a conference in Israel last February: "Mort, you and the ZOA were right about everything."

We have a long history of exposing and fighting antisemitism – including on campus. While this problem intensified after the Hamas massacre on October 7, 2023, ZOA – more than any other organization – has been standing up for Jewish students for decades.

It was ZOA, under our Center for Law and Justice, that led the successful six-year battle to cause Title VI to be reinterpreted and enforced to protect Jewish students from antisemitic discrimination at federally funded schools. ZOA's groundbreaking complaint led to the first-ever government investigation of campus antisemitism under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. And it was ZOA's work that triggered the Office for Civil Rights' decision to begin using the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of anti-semitism when evaluating Title VI cases for antisemitic bias.

Every lawsuit protecting Jewish students filed under Title VI would never have been possible without ZOA's extraordinary efforts. As renowned Harvard former-student activist Shabbos Kestenbaum said "ZOA shows what leadership is. There are a very select few Jewish non-profits that amplify the voices of Jewish students. In that, ZOA stands alone."

For decades, we've never relented in fighting for Jewish college students to have the safe learning environment they're legally entitled to and that every student deserves.

Because antisemitism has seeped into the K-12 schools, we're working for students there, too. The government is currently investigating ZOA's Title VI case against Fairfax County Virginia Public Schools, one of the largest school districts in the U.S. Recently, ZOA successfully resolved its lawsuit against Cherry Hill, N.J. Public Schools, where school officials failed to protect a Jewish student who was repeatedly physically threatened by other students.

For decades, our regional office in Philadelphia has been exposing and tackling local antisemitism, including in school districts and public libraries.

We're also fighting antisemitism in unions. ZOA recently filed a complaint against the Massachusetts Teachers Union. Unions are supposed to improve workplace conditions for their dues-paying members. Instead, unions are fueling antisemitism, creating a hostile and even unsafe environment for their Jewish members.

ZOA is committed to continuing our vital work. Your support makes it possible. Israeli PM Netanyahu said, "ZOA is a bulwark in the defense of Israel. I strongly urge you to support the ZOA."

Thank you again for joining us tonight and for supporting us.

With love and prayers for all our friends, and for Israel's and America's safety and well-being.

— **Morton A. Klein**, National ZOA President

# THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

Founded in 1897, the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) was a major force in achieving America's support for the re-establishment of the Jewish State of Israel.

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, news media, 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 the truth that a Palestinian state would endanger Israel's existence; presents the facts about the Arab/Islamic war against Israel and all of the Jewish People; and combats the anti-Israel lies that Israel is an "occupier" of her own land, or is committing "genocide."

- 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 bold as we are.

Our chapter includes the Philadelphia region, eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. We have pro-active, positive initiatives and activities focusing on education, advocacy and outreach. We 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 mass-murders, rapes, wounding of thousands of Israelis and hostage-taking on Oct. 7, 2023 sparked an unparalleled, sustained wave of anti-Jewish activity — the Philadelphia area became an epicenter of Jew-hatred and indoctrination against Israel, Zionism and Jews — Greater Philadelphia ZOA has responded as follows:

- ✓ We have met with pro-Israel students on multiple campuses;
- ✓ We have met with state and federal officials
- ✓ We have been featured on talk-radio and published articles in numerous publications;
- ✓ We created our “Information Ambulance,” a LED-panel truck displaying a dozen messages and dispatched to scores of locations throughout our region to “rescue the truth”;
- ✓ We have held special meetings for parents and students and have spoken with school board members, school district officials and faculty;
- ✓ We have spent countless hours offering one-on-one support sessions by phone, on social media and Zoom with traumatized people in the community who sought our expertise;
- ✓ We have done advocacy workshops featuring our audio/visual presentation “The Many Sources of Jew-Hatred and What You Can Do About Them”;
- ✓ We offer our weekly newsletter (sent via email and posted on social media) to emphasize activism instruction, tools and resources; 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 and physical address so that we can keep you informed! 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).

Get involved. Join our cadre of leaders. Make a positive difference!

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 2025 Night of Appreciation. As we approach the second anniversary of the tragic October 7 massacre and kidnapping of Israelis led by Hamas, the world we live in has lost its sanity and any moral clarity. It started with the world denying the rapes Hamas committed against Israeli women. College campuses became unsafe and terrifying for Jewish students. The world started opposing Israel's self-defense against a genocidal enemy who has said numerous times after Israel they want to either kill each American or have us accept a caliphate to oppress us and remove all the freedoms we all cherish. Many nations Israel had good relations with are recognizing a Palestinian state. The modern blood libels against Israel and the Jewish people claim Israel is committing genocide and purposely starving and killing children in Gaza.

ZOA has always stood by Israel as one of America's greatest and staunchest allies. We always will!

In 2005, we were the only members of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations to oppose Israel's withdrawal from Gaza. It was our efforts that led to Jews being a protected group under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

In March, 2022, it was ZOA's Greater Philadelphia Chapter that uncovered and exposed the Jew-hatred in the School District of Philadelphia. In May we led and organized a lobbying mission to Harrisburg to fight Jew-hatred and falsehoods being taught about Israel in Pennsylvania Schools. These are but a few examples of the work that ZOA does locally and nationally.

I am so proud to be a part of this organization that has not and will not cower in our support of our beloved Israel.

Enjoy this evening where you will hear only the wonderful truth of Israel! AM YISRAEL CHAI!

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.

**Roy Kardon, Chairman of the Board**

# Message From Our Co-Presidents

The Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America continues to lead bold and impactful initiatives to combat the overwhelming antisemitism that has swept the Philadelphia area and the world.

Our recent activities demonstrate our unwavering commitment to defending against Jew-hatred, while advancing the United States-Israel alliance throughout our immediate region and beyond.

We were the first local group to expose anti-Jewish indoctrination in both the Free Library of Philadelphia and the School District of Philadelphia — and to demand they stop.

During this past year, in a groundbreaking public awareness initiative, Greater Philadelphia ZOA launched our “Information Ambulance” – a high-tech vehicle equipped with LED panels — that we dispatched to “rescue the truth.” This eye-catching mobile display traveled throughout Philadelphia and the suburbs projecting powerful messages calling out Jew-hatred and reinforcing the Jewish people’s right to defend itself and combat our enemies’ lies. The bold slogans flashing on the vehicle reached thousands of local residents, tourists and people going about their business at malls, farmer’s markets, fireworks and other venues, as our “ambulance” made its way through the city and suburbs.

This spring, we organized and led our initial Harrisburg Lobbying Mission. A bus packed with activists from our area met up with pro-Jewish activists from cities throughout the state in our commonwealth’s Capitol to meet with representatives and senators supportive of our cause and our concern about Jew-hatred in K-12 schools. Some officials offered to sponsor legislation on our behalf. They concurred that America must stand firmly with Israel and that the alarming surge in antisemitism on college campuses, public schools, in public discourse, and in our cities and towns must be combatted by policy makers in supporting legislation that protects the Jewish people.

Earlier this summer, another bus of Jewish activists from the Philadelphia area traveled to Washington, where we met up with ZOA members from many states to meet with members of Congress. Again, we were met with warm support for the initiatives we championed.

With American public opinion now divided in its support (or not) for the Jewish state, we must endeavor to continue to reinforce and support those who side with us and our leaders in this cause. And especially to support the Zionist Organization of America, which tirelessly and fearlessly battles our enemies daily.

The ZOA isn’t just a think tank. It’s a battle tank. And your financial support gives our battle tank fuel for more and greater initiatives in the educational, advocacy and outreach “fronts.” This is especially so throughout the large region that our chapter encompasses. It is only with your support that we are able to push back against Jew-hated and Israel bashing and efforts to erase American support for Israel.

Thank you for your support at this most critical time. We hope that you will continue your support and encourage you to get involved as an active member, and potentially as part of our leadership.

**Lynne Kessler Lechter, Esq., and Kevin Ross — Co-Presidents**

# Message From the Executive Director

As we gathered for Greater Philadelphia ZOA's 2024 Night of Appreciation, we were witnessing and experiencing unmitigated anti-Jewish activity throughout the world. We thought by the time of our 2025 event, surely people would have come to their senses, realize that attacks against Jews are abhorrent and unwarranted – the Palestinian-Arabs and their supporters deserve the wrath and opprobrium -- and the “toothpaste” would be nearly entirely back in the tube.

Today, however, anti-Jewish activity in some respects has become the norm. We will not tolerate the lies, the intimidation, the persecution, the indoctrination, the vandalism nor the violence!

Anti-Jewish activity is not like the high tide that ebbs on its own. We – each and every one of you reading this – must “roll up our sleeves” and actively drive back this anti-Jewish high tide with intelligent, pro-active and aggressive activism, We must! ZOA is the leader of this brand of advocacy and activism. No one else has our experience and expertise. No one has more passion.

The Zionist Organization of America – throughout our region and nationally – exposes and drives back anti-Jewish incitement and attacks. Ideally we try to prevent them. **In June, 2021**, when Jew-hatred was comparatively “moderate,” our chapter issued a report documenting the Free Library of Philadelphia's shocking anti-Jewish incitement targeting children.

**The following March**, we issued a 27-page illustrated expose revealing staggering anti-Jewish indoctrination within the School District of Philadelphia. It also updated on the Library's continuing anti-Jewish campaign, and highlighted a host of other anti-Jewish activities led by the mayor and the mayor's agencies. Other Jewish organizations accused us of exaggerating — rather than uniting and following our lead in fighting anti-Jewish activity when it was embryonic. We may have prevented the enormity of anti-Jewish activity that has become enmeshed in the fabric of Philadelphia, and that has spread virus-like into the suburbs and beyond.

Greater Philadelphia ZOA presses on. A few examples: In May we organized a mission to Harrisburg to ask lawmakers to put a stop anti-Jewish activity in the commonwealth's public schools. We lead pro-active education and advocacy while combatting ongoing efforts to foment more Jew-hatred. We have written to the mayor and the governor to fight Jew-hatred. We have offered self-defense courses, and classes to teach advocacy strategy and firearms safety.

Those we are honor tonight are committed to preventing and combatting Jew-hatred. **State Treasurer Stacy Garrity**, communal leaders **Steve and Elaine Crane**, and **Dr. Victoria Coates** are to be emulated. Yet they nor ZOA can win these monumental battles alone. I ask that you join us; support our work to the best of your ability; help our chapter advance our mission. There is strength in unity, and relief knowing that you will be shoulder-to-shoulder with the greatest pro-Jewish activists who are part of the ZOA Family.

I am blessed to have help and guidance from an extraordinary cadre of volunteers – yes, our lay leaders are volunteers – led by the exceptional **Lynne Lechter**, who has continued as event chairwoman, *and* as chapter co-president. Thank you Lynne, and thank you to your family for lending you to our chapter. Thank you to all of our Board and Officers. There are others who have been instrumental in the success of this event; or who help in our office; or who do research or go to events to monitor what Jew-haters are up to; or who host parlor meetings to introduce others to our organization. I thank each of you!

Many of you reading this have been active in ZOA for years; others are newer; or tonight is your first encounter with Greater Philadelphia ZOA. Get involved. Strengthen us. We need you, and you need us. *L'shanah tovah tikatevu*. May you and your loved ones be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year, and may you be sealed for a good year. May HaShem safeguard us all.

*Steve Feldman*

# 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. Now, our K-12 schools are ground zero to teach Jew-hatred and create Jew-haters.

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, 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**

## **Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity**

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: in 1991 in Operation Desert Storm, in 2003 in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and in 2008 in Operation Enduring Freedom. She was awarded the Bronze Star twice for exceptional service and received the Legion of Merit before retiring from the Army Reserve with the rank of colonel. In one of her deployments, she was one of the officers in charge of an internment camp for enemy combatants in Iraq.

Garrity was elected to her first term on November 3, 2020, and was sworn into office on January 19, 2021. She was elected to her second term on November 5, 2024, and was sworn in on January 21, 2025. As Pennsylvania Treasurer, she oversees an office of more than 300 employees and is tasked with protecting more than \$170 billion in state assets.

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. Garrity has stated: “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.” For her courageous acts and stance, Garrity has been the object of multiple protests, with hateful and angry anti-Jewish mobs descending at the Capitol to condemn her.

Regarding Israel, Garrity has also said: “Israel is our greatest ally in the Middle East, and I will always stand with them. I condemn the unprovoked terrorist attacks by Hamas, and I pray for the families of those whose lives were taken. I urge Congress and the President to do everything necessary to support Israel as it defends itself and to ensure the safety of any Americans being held hostage by Hamas.”

Garrity has acted nothing short of heroic in taking her righteous actions for Jewry and Israel.

# The ZOA Amudei Ha'Kehillah Award

## (Pillars 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.

# Amudei Ha'Kehillah Award Recipient (Pillars of the Community) Steve & Elaine Crane

Steve & Elaine Crane are our Pillars of the Community Award recipients.

Stephen Crane, or Steve, as he likes to be called, has spent his life engaged in real estate, construction, writing, publishing and involvement in Jewish causes.

While at the University of Pennsylvania, Steve was news editor of the *Daily Pennsylvanian*.

Professionally, he built houses and developed communities in Philadelphia and its suburbs with emphasis on townhouses. He pioneered renovations in several neighborhoods before they became fashionable.

He is the author of several books, and his books are Jewish-themed. *Survivor from an Unknown War* touched on the Holocaust; *Jewish German Revolution* traced the survival of Mosaic values through the Dark Ages in Europe; *When Bible Meets History* reconciles archeology and Torah. He has also published a number of books.

Steve stands up for Jewish causes, with his connection to ZOA going back quite a few years. Consultations with ZOA friends Lee Bender of blessed memory, Jerry Verlin, and Steve Feldman resulted in Crane publishing two other books: *Israel 3000* about the uninterrupted Jewish presence in the Holy land, and *Pressing Israel* about the media bias against Israel. He admits to an addiction to Torah study.

Elaine Crane is a native Philadelphian who has always felt a compelling bond with her Jewish heritage. She treasures her family Torah dating back to her grandparents. She was twice president of chapters of the National Council of Jewish Women and is a lifetime member of Hadassah. She still remembers her childhood Hebrew teacher marveling that the young state of Israel was growing tomatoes in the desert! Her first of three trips to Israel was transformative and made her a lifelong advocate.

In recent years Elaine has been active at Rodeph Shalom in the Israel engagement committee, working to raise the profile of Israel within the congregation and strengthen its bond to the homeland. A devotee of Torah study like Steve, she assisted as editor of his book *When Bible Meets History*.

Elaine Crane's professions have included teaching and public relations. Her initial teaching experience was at Central High School, where she was the first female English teacher in its then 125-year history. She later taught at Lewis College in Illinois, and at Centenary College and Morris County College, both in New Jersey. With a certificate from Gratz College's Normal School, she taught Hebrew school for many years. Elaine had another career in public relations and was also a dance critic for the *NJ Jewish News*.

Greater Philadelphia ZOA treasures the Cranes' warmth, friendship, willingness to help our chapter and their support of our organization. They truly are pillars of our community!

# 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).

# **Ben Hecht Award Recipient & Keynote Speaker Dr. Victoria Coates**

Dr. Victoria Coates is our 2025 Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism honoree for her book *The Battle For The Jewish State: How Israel—And America—Can Win*, and her dozens of articles about Israel and the broader Middle East.

Coates is vice president of the Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy at the Heritage Foundation. Heritage is a think tank whose “mission is to formulate and promote public policies based on the principles of free enterprise, limited government, individual freedom, traditional American values, and a strong national defense.”

Coates has decades of experience as a national security advisor in Congress, federal agencies, and the White Houses.

She served as a deputy national security advisor to President Donald Trump in his first administration.

In 2007, Coates left academia to become the director of research in former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld’s personal office. Coates next joined then-Governor Rick Perry’s primary campaign for president at senior advisor. In 2013, Coates became senior national security advisor for U.S. Senator Ted Cruz (R-TX). In the Senate, Coates oversaw planning, strategy, and communications for Cruz’s participation in writing the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

When President Donald Trump was elected in 2016, Coates joined his transition team for the National Security Council staff, eventually becoming special assistant to the president and senior director for strategic communications. Coates assisted in establishing the NSC communication strategy, coordinated NSC policy related to the Middle East Peace Process, and supported the development of the December 2017 National Security Strategy.

In 2019, Coates was promoted to Deputy Assistant to the President and 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.

In early 2020, Coates transferred to the Department of Energy to advise Secretary Dan Brouillette on national security issues and act as his personal representative in the Middle East and North Africa.

At the conclusion of the first Trump administration, Coates became the director of Middle Eastern programs at the Center for Security Policy, and then a distinguished fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council.

Coates’ first book was *David’s Sling: A History of Democracy in Ten Works of Art*.

Coates uses both the written word and the spoken word to get out to the public the true story of the war against Israel and the Jewish People as well as the well-being of America.

# 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 is a past vice president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and 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, 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.

Mort's annual address at our event is always stirring, inspiring and memorable — as no doubt his words tonight will also be.

# *Thank you!*

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  - ◆ All of tonight's event participants
  - ◆ 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)**

# Lest We Forget

On October 7, 2023, palestinian-Arabs savagely murdered, raped, wounded, abused and took hostage thousands of Israelis including Americans. We will always remember these atrocities. We pray that the injured are healed, that captives are freed healthy, 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 and have a lasting peace.



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 mourn the 900 killed in battle.

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 two years by enemies of the Jewish People, and their 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!



The Greater Philadelphia ZOA family mourns the loss of our dear Board member and friend, and recipient of last year's Pillar of the Community Award: Judith Krupnick.

It was our honor to celebrate her and her accomplishments, generosity and impact on the Jewish community throughout our region that will last for generations.

May her loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Yerushalayim.

May her memory be for a blessing.



In memory of those Greater Philadelphia ZOA Members, Supporters and Friends who passed away since our 2024 Night of Appreciation.

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

May your loved ones be comforted among the mourners of Zion and Yerushalayim.

May your memory be for a blessing.



*In memory of Jerome Taylor.*

He always had the deepest regard for Mort Klein and ZOA, and was a proud member for many years.



*In loving memory of Eli Engel.*



May Mort and ZOA continue to be a shining light  
for many years to come.

Judith Taylor

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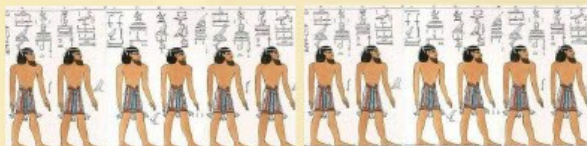
*Knowing the historical backdrop of Torah can support and enhance religious or secular understanding of this great work. With modern discoveries and critical thinking, it is increasingly urgent to reconcile Bible with history.*

*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.*

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*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

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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.

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Mazel tov Stacy Garrity.

You are a superstar. Thank you for your service to our country and to our state.

Thank you for doubling down on your support for Israel at a most critical time. Thank you for your moral clarity.

We are joyfully with you on your journey ahead.

Mazel tov Dr. Victoria Coates.

Scholar, author, journalist, senior political advisor and leader of the Heritage Foundation. Thank you for your intellectual leadership and conservative consistency.

Thank you for your moral clarity. We admire you tremendously.

Mazel tov Steve and Elaine Crane.

We, along with the pro Israel Jewish community, are grateful for your voices and hard work. Leaders like you make all the difference in the world. Thank you for your dedication and commitment.

Mazel tov to ZOA, the clearest, strongest and most reliable group truly dedicated to the forever survival of our Jewish homeland.

Am Yisrael Chai!

Phil Rosenzweig and Beth Zemble

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

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

**Ed Altman and Ann Holstein**

**מזל טוב  
to the honorees!**

**עם ישראל חי  
ומתיר אֶסוּרִים.....  
... and who releases the  
confined...**

**Kevin Jon Williams**

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**Congratulations to the 2025  
honorees:**

**PA Treasurer Stacy Garrity  
Steve and Elaine Crane  
Dr. Victoria Coates**

**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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With gratitude and admiration, we recognize Mort Klein and Steve Feldman for their steadfast advocacy on behalf of the American Jewish community and Israel.



**Congratulations to tonight's Honorees**

*Stacy Garrity*

*Steve and Elaine Crane*

*and*

*Dr. Victoria Coates*

Your dedication, vision, and achievements are a beacon of hope for our community.



Lynne and Abelardo Lechter

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***Congratulations to the 2025  
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- ◆ **PA Treasurer Stacy Garrity**
- ◆ **Steve & Elaine Crane**
- ◆ **Dr. Victoria Coates**

We Salute & *Yashaer 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**

**Avi & Rachel Kantor**

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**Our Heartfelt Thank You to ZOA**  
and to all who advocate tirelessly  
on behalf of Jews and Israel

**We greatly admire**  
Lynne K. Lechter  
Steve Feldman  
and  
Mort Klein  
For all the work they do



**Mazal Tov to Honorees**  
Stacy Garrity  
Steve and Elaine Crane  
and  
Dr. Victoria Coates

**Happy Birthday to the US Constitution!**



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## **Congratulations to the Honorees of the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of the Zionist Organization of America 2025 Night of Appreciation**

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***Dr. Victoria Coates - Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism***

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Steve and Elaine Crane, and  
Dr. Victoria Coats

In each of your professional fields, you  
have been outstanding friends of the  
Jewish people.

With gratitude to all,  
Betsy and David Rentz

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Thank you to honorees  
Stacy Garrity  
Steve & Elaine Crane  
Dr. Victoria Coates  
for your steadfast support of Israel &  
the Jewish People!

Seth Zwillenberg & Rene Rubin

IN HONOR OF THE ESTEEMED  
HONOREES

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commitment to Israel and the Jewish  
community.*

*Dr. Victoria Coates*

*For your bold and exemplary advocacy for  
Israel.*

*We deeply appreciate each of you for your  
invaluable contributions. Thank you for all  
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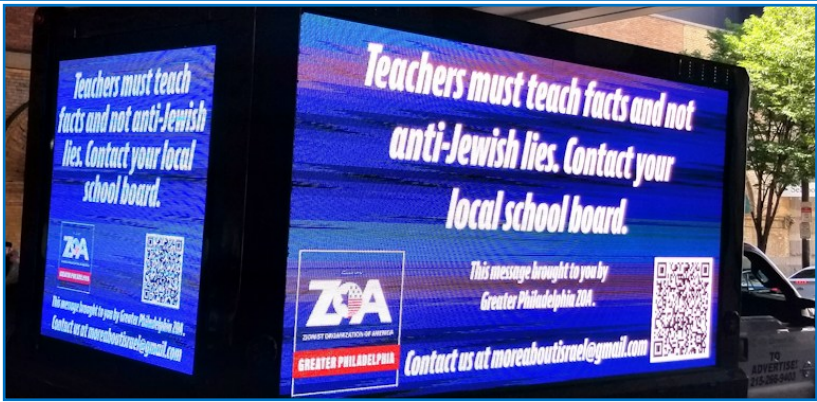
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O God, strengthen the defenders of our Holy Land; grant them salvation and crown them with victory. Establish peace in the land, and everlasting joy for its inhabitants.

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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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.

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