

ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA  
Greater Philadelphia ZOA  
2017 Gala

and Tribute to Israel Advocates

*Celebrating*  
*120 Years of Zionism*



*Honoring*

Allen L. Rothenberg

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Tribute Book and Ad Journal

**“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?*

**“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.

**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.**

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the Zionist Organization of America: Greater Philadelphia 2017 Gala. The Gala Committee has selected another worthy group of honorees. We are heartened by their work and we thank them for all that they do for Israel and the Jewish people. Allen L. Rothenberg, Jonathan S. Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland and Jim and Diane Showers. Each of you is a role model.

While we enjoy this festive evening, lurking is the knowledge of increased deadly Palestinian-Arab attacks against Israeli civilians, growing incitement and threats against Israelis and Jews everywhere, hostility from governments around the world and the potentially catastrophic manifestations of the Iran deal. Yet through it all, ZOA remains strong and steadfast and continues to speak out in the boldest of terms and take action that is unmatched.

While we are grateful for your participation tonight in the Gala and your financial support of this Tribute Book it is urgent that you participate in as many of our events and initiatives as possible; heed our action alerts; and support ZOA throughout the year both financially and with participation. While the news and developments can be frustrating, this is the time for us all to increase our efforts for Israel.

You can count on ZOA to lead the way via our Greater Philadelphia Chapter and other offices throughout the nation, our Israel Office, our Center for Law and Justice, our Campus Activism Network, our Government Relations Department, our Center for Middle East Policy and our staff, lay leaders and members across the country. We count on you to help us grow.

ZOA is the oldest and foremost organization promoting and defending Israel. Please join our organization to bolster our strength to fight for Israel.

**Michael Goldblatt • Morton Klein**

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## THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA

This year the Zionist Organization of America is marking the 120th anniversary of its origination. Since its founding in 1897, ZOA has been fighting for the Jewish people and the Land of Israel.

Under the leadership of such illustrious presidents as Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis and current National President Morton A. Klein, ZOA works to strengthen U.S.-Israel relations through educational activities; public affairs programs; lobbying on Capitol Hill; outreach to the under-informed; and combating anti-Israel bias in the media, textbooks, and on college campuses. ZOA has more than 25,000 members, with chapters in Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, Dallas, Detroit, Long Island, Miami, Milwaukee, North Jersey, Oakland, Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C.

- ◆ ZOA was victorious in its campaign to get the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to use Title VI to protect Jewish students on campus who face hostile conditions due to anti-Semitic harassment, intimidation and discrimination. ZOA's Center for Law & Justice has filed complaints on behalf of Jewish students citing Title VI at Rutgers University, UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz, and Columbia University.
- ◆ ZOA is the only organization that documents and exposes Palestinian-Arab violations of the Oslo Accords and the "Road Map." ZOA's efforts for American victims of Palestinian-Arab terrorism led to the passing of the Koby Mandell Act.
- ◆ The ZOA has played a key role in Congress regarding victims of terrorism, keeping Jerusalem unified under Israeli sovereignty, fighting Hamas and Fatah, and working on the imposition of sanctions on Syria and Saudi Arabia.
- ◆ ZOA's campaigns have succeeded in defeating hostile critics of Israel nominated for government positions.
- ◆ 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. Our Young Professionals Division was created with the vision of gathering leaders, visionaries, advocates and supporters to Israel and combining their efforts with those of ZOA for the benefit of Israel.

*The Wall Street Journal* has called us "The most credible advocate for Israel on the American Jewish scene today."

# Greater Philadelphia ZOA

We have been relentless in promoting, supporting and defending Israel throughout our region with activities and initiatives to educate, advocate and reach out on behalf of the people and land of Israel.

Our recent activities have included:

- ◆ Leading the effort in our area to expose vile anti-Israel/anti-Jewish performer Roger Waters — with letters to the venue where he performed and radio stations that promoted him, plus an op-ed in the *Jewish Exponent* and featured in print and broadcast media;
- ◆ Successful special programs and meetings;
- ◆ Launching of a dynamic new Website: **philly.zoa.org**;
- ◆ Offering presentations and making speeches on Israel, the peace process and media bias;
- ◆ Meetings with lawmakers and candidates in both in Washington and in their local offices;
- ◆ Making sure Zionism and pro-Israel activism is at the forefront of the Jewish communal establishment;
- ◆ Leading the regional “Buy Israel” effort, now in its eighth year;
- ◆ Working with students on area campuses;
- ◆ Monitoring, analyzing and responding to media bias;
- ◆ Being interviewed on area radio shows, radio and TV news and in newspapers;
- ◆ Having articles and letters by our leadership published in *a variety of local, national and international publications*, and interacting on social media;
- ◆ Monitoring and challenging anti-Israel speakers;
- ◆ Partnering with Jewish and Christian groups to promote Israel;
- ◆ Sending large delegations to National ZOA’s Washington Advocacy Mission and Brandeis Dinner;
- ◆ Holding free quarterly meetings featuring prominent speakers.

**Check our Web site, social media and your email for news about upcoming special events.**

**As Israel's security and survival becomes more perilous, we urge you to join us, become active and support the continuation and expansion of our work. To learn more, phone us at 610-660-9466, email us at [office@zoaphilly.org](mailto:office@zoaphilly.org) or find us on the Web at [philly.zoa.org](http://philly.zoa.org).**

***We appreciate each and every member and each and every donation.***

## The ZOA *Amud Ha' Kehillah* Award (Pillar of the Community Award)

Most communities are like a house. A very large house.

Like a house, they have a foundation and many distinct areas, each serving its own purpose. There is an area in public view, and a space that is often unseen by all but a select few.

If the particular community is truly fortunate, it includes pillars to prop it up and lessen the burden on the foundation.

*Klal Yisrael* has had literal pillars (known as *amudim*) since the time of the Tabernacle, and figurative pillars even earlier, dating back to the Patriarchs and Matriarchs.

Today, the Greater Philadelphia-area Jewish community is blessed to have among us many people who can be described as “pillars” who are out in front, always reliable to be supportive and serve as role models.

They offer their leadership or their time, their expertise and encouragement, their dollars *and* their sense.

Typically they are selfless and act out of love for their people and for a near and dear cause. Their devotion and enthusiasm are often contagious — inspiring friends, relatives, and even strangers to try to match their passion, dedication, energy and level of participation in the community.

Even though they may have a title or prominent position, often they go about their work unnoticed. But surely, without such individuals, couples, and families, it is quite likely that the community might weaken and sag.

These “pillars” serve our community and the Zionist Organization of America in a variety of ways including by allotting time, energy and creativity to the cause of Israel, ZOA and the community at large. It is only fitting that from time to time, ZOA and the community give back by recognizing their good and important deeds and the vital roles they play.

# ***Amud Ha'Kehillah* Award Recipient (Pillar of the Community) Allen L. Rothenberg**

Allen L. Rothenberg, Esq., is a household name in Philadelphia. He is the founder of one of the nation's leading multi-state personal injury law firms and is listed as a "Top 100" trial lawyer by the National Trial Lawyers Association.

What may be less known but is every bit as important is that Allen Rothenberg has promulgated legislation and achieved record-breaking awards on behalf of victims of state sponsored terrorism. He is also a generous philanthropist.

For 35 years, Rothenberg has served as the president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs (COLPA). Rothenberg also has been, for many years, a staunch supporter of Jewish day school education in Philadelphia. He has had a daily *Mincha Minyan* and Torah study group in his Center City Philadelphia office continually for two decades.

Allen L. Rothenberg founded The Rothenberg Law Firm LLP in 1969. He has been involved in multiple high-profile cases before state, federal, and appellate courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States.

In addition, he has served as a guest lecturer at law schools, graduate schools, colleges, and secondary schools, including the Temple University School of Law, The University of Pennsylvania, and Villanova Law School. He earned B.S. and J.D. degrees from Temple University. He is admitted to the bars of Pennsylvania, New York and the District of Columbia as well as the United States Supreme Court.

Also, he has made guest appearances on national and local television and radio shows, including Fox TV, ABC TV, CBS TV, NBC TV, and he has served as a commentator on Court TV.

Allen and Barbara Rothenberg, Esq., are most proud of being parents to eight married children, including seven attorneys and a pediatric nurse practitioner/adjunct professor of nursing — and many, many grandchildren.

# The Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism

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

Previous recipients of Greater Philadelphia ZOA's Ben Hecht Award include David Horowitz, Erick Stakelbeck, Nonie Darwish and Dom Giordano.

Ben Hecht (1894-1964) was a patriotic American who worked tirelessly to save European Jewry from the Nazis, and was a devoted Zionist. His pageants stirred Americans' souls and inspired people to act.

Early on Hecht was a journalist who covered World War I from Berlin for the *Chicago Daily News*.

A successful Hollywood writer, Hecht penned more than 70 credited and uncredited screenplays. He won two Academy Awards and was nominated for four others. He also wrote 35 books and wrote and produced Broadway plays. Among the screenplays he wrote or contributed to were: "Angels Over Broadway," "Wuthering Heights," "Notorious," "Gone with the Wind," "Casino Royale," "Cleopatra," "Scarface," "The Sun Also Rises," "A Farewell to Arms," "Guys and Dolls," "Gunga Din," "Let Freedom Ring," "Angels with Dirty Faces," "Stagecoach" and "A Star Is Born."

Among his most important books were: *Perfidy*, *A Jew in Love* and *A Guide for the Bedevilled*. He co-wrote the play "The Front Page."

But it is not for Hecht's mastery of Hollywood that this prestigious 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 immediately 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 the State of 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). "Hecht helped organize the Altalena's mission to bring weapons and immigrants to Israel," according to Marnie Winston-Macauley.

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 Recipient

## Jonathan S. Tobin

Jonathan S. Tobin is the award-winning opinion editor of the Jewish News Service — JNS.org — and a contributing writer for *National Review*, the nation's pre-eminent conservative magazine of opinion and ideas. He is also a columnist for *the New York Post*, *The Federalist*, *Haaretz*, *Israel Hayom*, the *New York Jewish Week* and the *New Jersey Jewish News*. In his writing he covers on a daily basis the American political scene, foreign policy, the U.S.-Israel relationship, Middle East diplomacy and the Jewish world.

Previous to this, Tobin was executive editor and then senior online editor and chief political blogger for *Commentary* magazine for eight years. Prior to that he was editor-in-chief of the *Jewish Exponent* in Philadelphia for 10 years and before that editor of the *Connecticut Jewish Ledger*.

His writing also has appeared in the *Weekly Standard*, the *Christian Science Monitor*, the *American Spectator* and many other publications. Previously, he has also served as a columnist for Britain's *Jewish Chronicle* and was the author of the "View From America" column that appeared in *The Jerusalem Post*.

During his career Tobin has been honored 50 times for commentary, editorial writing and arts criticism. He has been named the top columnist and editorialist for Jewish newspapers several times as well as the top weekly columnist and editorial writer in Pennsylvania. In 2006, he received the distinction of being named the top editorial columnist and best arts critic in Greater Philadelphia by the Society of Professional Journalists.

He has lectured on campuses and to Jewish and other faith-based organizations around the country and appears on a regular basis on Newsmax TV. He has also appeared on CNN, Fox News Channel, Fox Business Channel, the BBC, Sky News, NPR, and Pacifica and on other media. He also tours the country debating Jewish and political issues with J.J. Goldberg of the *Forward*.

Mr. Tobin was born in New York City, attended local schools and studied history at Columbia University. He is also the proud father of Moriah Tobin, his 16-year-old daughter.



# The ZOA 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.

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. They work tirelessly in the foreground and in the background.

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

# ZOA Guardian of Israel Award Recipient Rabbi Yaacov Orimland

Rabbi Yaacov Orimland is religious leader of Young Israel of Margate, where he has been the pulpit rabbi since 2014. His career has been devoted to education and outreach.

A native of Brazil, he grew up in Miami and also lived in Israel for 15 years. While there he ran *Nishmat Shlomo*, a yeshiva for American kids who abused drugs — encouraging them to join the IDF once they were clean. He still owns a home in Tzfat and visits Israel at least twice a year.

After the Holocaust, his parents moved to Israel. His grandfather had lived in Tel Aviv. His father went to yeshiva in Israel and in the 1950s was a police officer.

Rabbi Orimland believes “Israel was given to us before 1948. It was a gift from G-d. It doesn’t matter what UNESCO says.” Decisions by UNESCO and similar bodies’ pronouncements, he says are “not [merely] anti-Israel or anti-Zionist. It’s anti-Jewish.”

Rabbi Orimland received his *Smicha* in Israel. He also attended the Talmudic University of Miami. He received a number of community service awards while in Florida.

His outreach philosophy is similarly straight-forward: “It doesn’t matter how you dress, or how you look: Because a Jew is a Jew is a Jew — Period. We cannot take anything for granted. Ten times a day we have to thank G-d for what we have: our health, our families.” He adds: “Everyone is welcome to our synagogue.”

The Young Israel movement began in 1912 “The aims and purposes of the organization shall be to foster and maintain a program of spiritual, cultural, social and communal activity towards the advancement and perpetuation of traditional Torah-true Judaism; and to instill into American Jewish youth an understanding and appreciation of the high ethical and spiritual values of Judaism and demonstrate the compatibility of the ancient faith of Israel with good Americanism.” (From the Preamble of the National Council of Young Israel Constitution).

Rabbi Orimland is married, and he and his wife have eight children and 29 grandchildren.

## The ZOA Friends of Zion Award

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

- *Mishlei (Proverbs) 18:24*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# ZOA Friends of Zion Award Recipients

## Jim and Diane Showers

Dr. Jim Showers is the executive director of The Friends of Israel, a worldwide Christian organization founded in Philadelphia in 1938 by Christians determined to help Europe's beleaguered Jewish population. Today it is headquartered in Deptford, NJ.

Jim joined The Friends of Israel (FOI) in 2002 as director of finance, treasurer, and chief financial officer. He then served as executive vice president and became president and executive director in May 2012.

During Jim's tenure at FOI, he has been a tremendous help to the ministry, demonstrating capable ministry-wide leadership and management skills. He also serves as a member of FOI's board of trustees.

Jim's personal warmth, knowledge, and wisdom, as well as his devotion to the Lord and sincere love for Israel and the Jewish people, are qualities everyone at FOI has valued. In 2012, he developed the Hesed "Loving Kindness" Project, FOI's adult-volunteer program in Israel.

Jim speaks at conferences, churches, and schools nationwide; is a frequent participant in events supporting Israel; and is a strong advocate of the country's growing Jewish-Christian alliance. He also has helped lead two joint Jewish-Christian trips to Israel and is the leader of the semi-annual Friends of Israel Up to Jerusalem tours.

Jim authors "Inside View," a regular column featured in FOI's magazine *Israel My Glory*, with a readership of over half a million in 151 countries. His popular series "The Black Sheep of Christendom" exposing the dangers of "replacement theology" was originally published in *Israel My Glory*.

Jim earned both his master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Baptist Bible Seminary. His doctoral thesis was titled, "May They Prosper Who Love You: A Case For Christian Zionism."

Diane Showers supports Jim to build solidarity with the Jewish community. She was born and raised in Goshen, IN. From the time she became an active Christian at a young age, she has known and expressed a love for the land of Israel and the Jewish people. As an office professional, Diane has served in churches and evangelical Christian organizations.

Motivated by the special place Israel and the Jewish people have in her heart, she has followed the Lord's command in Genesis to bless the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. In 2003 and 2007, Diane was a part of the joint Jewish and Christian trips to Israel. She has helped Jim lead several tours to Israel and attends many events with him. As a committed Christian Zionist, Diane is actively involved in numerous efforts in support of Israel. Jim and Diane live in southern New Jersey and have two married children and four grandchildren.

# Master of Ceremonies

## Gary Erlbaum

We are blessed to have Gary Erlbaum in our community and grateful that once again he is our master-of-ceremonies this evening.

Businessman, philanthropist, raconteur and good soul, he is the patriarch of a family who has touched the lives of so many people in a positive way.

The president of Greentree Properties Corporation, a real estate investment and development firm, Erlbaum has been an officer and director of multiple companies, both public and private.

Erlbaum has just completed a three year stint as vice president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia and also is a past chairman of Federation's Israel Advocacy Task Force, founding co-chair of Federation's Israel & Overseas Center and a 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 campaign 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 publishes 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, the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation, Boys Town Jerusalem, the Chevra, Etz Chaim 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 30 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, Fox-TV, The Kelly File with Megyn Kelly, Erin Burnett OutFront, CNBC, MSNBC, NPR, BBC, C-Span, VOA and Israel TV and radio.

He has delivered more than 400 lectures throughout the world including at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, UC/Berkeley, MIT, Columbia, Penn, Michigan, Brandeis, Brigham Young, and at Israel's Hebrew University, Ben-Gurion University and Ariel University. He has also spoken at the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine, General Assembly (Federation) meetings, Israel Bonds, B'nai B'rith Canada, Rabbinic Council of America, JCRC's and synagogues from coast to coast, and the U.S. Department of State's Distinguished Lecture Series.

# Message From Our Co-Presidents

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

ZOA is America's oldest Jewish defense organization. Since 1897, ZOA has been a fearless, determined and outspoken advocate — at first for the right of Jews to reclaim their homeland and live in a sovereign and secure Israel. Today, by necessity, the ZOA's role on the global stage has grown dramatically. ZOA's Center for Law and Justice fights anti-Semitism and bigotry, protecting Jewish and pro-Israel students on campuses, defends the rights of victims of terror and promotes the creation of U.S. laws that defend the rights of the Jewish people in the United States and Israel.

ZOA stands at the forefront as the staunchest pro-Israel advocacy group in the U.S., tirelessly fighting from campuses to Capitol Hill, from the community lectern, to fighting BDS — all because of your support. Here in Philadelphia, we are respected because we act decisively. By being here tonight you are literally making possible the work we do.

To our ZOA members: Thank you for your continued support. To those who are engaged in the work we do as friends or supporters, we are grateful to have you as a trusted ally — especially in these challenging times when both Israel and the Jewish People are under constant assault. To those who are new to ZOA, we hope this will be the beginning of a lifelong relationship. To all of you: It gives us great comfort to know that we are unified in our love for Israel and the Jewish people, and are willing to act as one.

Thank you to the many businesses, families and individuals who continue to support our Gala with ads and notices. Special thanks to our Christian Zionist friends who continue to faithfully stand by our side.

Finally, a big thank you to our tireless staff, including our indefatigable executive director, who does not know the meaning of 9-5, who's commitment to defend Israel and the Jewish people is nothing short of awe inspiring: Steve Feldman.

Friends: We have much work to do. We must continue to support Israel vocally and publicly by reaching out to the uninformed and under-informed, to reporters and editors and to elected officials. Join us in defending our cherished Judeo-Christian values. Become active in ZOA or financially support our work. It's especially important that we reach the young people to help them become Zionists.

At the end of the day, the ZOA isn't just a think tank — it's a battle tank — and we ask that you help us fuel the tank for another year of fighting for Israel and the Jewish people. Actively assist us; help us fight injustice — not only to right the wrongs, but also to pro-actively advance the interests of Israel and the Jewish people, and furthering the special relationship between the U.S. and its greatest ally in the Middle East: the only Jewish state, Israel. May we all go from strength to strength.

Lee Bender and Kevin Ross



## Message From the Executive Director

Welcome to Greater Philadelphia ZOA's 2017 Gala, an evening when we roll down our sleeves, button the cuffs and recognize those who daily roll up their sleeves and one way or another, work diligently to aid Israel.

We in our region are privileged to have so many who are so dedicated to the causes that are important to us all. The challenge for us is not in finding people each year to award but rather having to choose among so many good and worthy people to select just a handful to honor. Once again, our Gala Committee has chosen well.

Tonight we will learn more about **Allen L. Rothenberg, Jonathan S. Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, and Jim and Diane Showers** and their pro-Israel activities — and their words tonight will inspire us — including myself — to do even more. Yes, no matter how engaged each of us is, we can do more. We must. The situation demands it.

There is good news from Israel every day – such as new or increased diplomatic relations between Israel and another country; eclipsed tourism records; advances in medicine, tech, agriculture, science; planeloads of new *olim* — and we should celebrate and *kvell* loudly about each. Yet almost as frequently there are new threats: new Palestinian-Arab attacks against Israelis or weapons seized; new boycott campaigns; new anti-Israel stunts at the U.N.; new media bias; new outrages on campus and even in K-12 schools; imams in America seeking the annihilation of Jews; elected and appointed officials siding with our enemies instead of our ally.

This is a time to not only do more, but to do it wiser; to press your friends and family to get involved; to increase your activity in ZOA. We act with a boldness no other pro-Israel group comes close to, nationally or locally.

The Zionist Organization of America turns 120 this year. From our beginnings at Keshet Israel Synagogue in Philly in October, 1897 through the present, we have accomplished tremendous good for the Jewish community, Israel and the U.S.-Israel relationship and we continue our efforts on all three fronts. We were at the forefront in America first to champion Zionism and the re-establishment of the Jewish State of Israel in our historic homeland, and since May, 1948 to ensure as best as we can in the Diaspora that Israel is strong, secure and vibrant, and that Zionism thrives.

At 120 we are still spry and limber, active and engaged, robust and resilient as we meet head-on the challenges that Israel, the Jewish community and the mutually beneficial U.S.-Israel relationship face. Join us if you are not already a ZOA member; increase your activity in ZOA and consider becoming part of our leadership; increase your financial support.

I want to thank Gala Chairman Howard Katzoff and Gala Co-Chairs Heather Berman & Eleanor Weinglass; and Executive Committee members Len Getz, and Ruth and Mort Gleit for their activities to make this event a success; to Linda Rosen, my office assistant, for her dedication; our lay leadership led by Co-Presidents Lee Bender and Kevin Ross and Board Chairman Gene Shusman for their work throughout the year; and our National President Morton Klein for his inspiration. Thank you also to our most active members who participate in so many ways. The more financial support and member-participation we have, the more we can do. As you read this letter; as you hear the remarks from our honorees; as you think about the many and various challenges: Consider them a call to action. At 120 we have been around long and we're still going strong!

Steve Feldman

# Message From the Gala Chairpersons

Welcome to the Zionist Organization of America: Greater Philadelphia annual Gala.

We are once again delighted to serve as co-chairs of this significant event, which yearly honors passionate individuals who show their love for Israel through their words and actions. This year's honorees are: Allen L. Rothenberg; Jonathan S. Tobin; Rabbi Yaacov Orimland; and Jim and Diane Showers. We congratulate each of you on this milestone and are grateful that we will continue to benefit from your talents, your efforts, your wisdom and your friendship.

To our guests: We would like to thank you for your participation tonight as well as for your commitment to Israel and to your support of the ZOA. In times such as these, Israel needs us to raise our collective voices in support of Israel.

Our Gala is Greater Philadelphia ZOA's chief yearly fundraising event, and each year a myriad of tasks and details have to be accomplished to make this Gala a success. There are no words that can demonstrate the level of gratitude to the many people who have given their time and their talent to craft tonight into the exceptional experience that we will enjoy. No one can say enough about Steve Feldman, our executive director, and office assistant Linda Rosen — but we wish them to know that we saw their tireless efforts and appreciate their hard work. To our volunteers, both here tonight and who work throughout the year: A heartfelt "Thank You!" You are all essential ingredients who invigorate ZOA, and we hope that everyone here tonight will join their ranks.

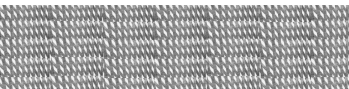
We also extend our deepest gratitude to the businesses, institutions, and individuals whose generosity and solidarity you see throughout this Tribute Book and Ad Journal, and the elected and appointed officials who have also extended greetings herein. Please take note of these supporters of Israel and ZOA; we hope that the ties between our community and these establishments are mutually beneficial.

We warmly invite you all to continue to work with ZOA in our common efforts to help Israel so that the Jewish state may go from strength to strength, and that the special U.S.-Israel relationship be iron-clad. With your help, all of ZOA's energies are focused on educating our youth, developing new initiatives, and reaching out to the region's broader Jewish Community to fulfill the goals of a safer, more secure and more prosperous Jewish State of Israel.

**Howard Katzoff, chairman**  
**Heather Berman, co-chair**  
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# Thank you

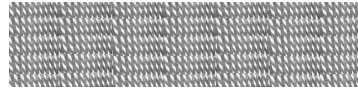
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*If you would like to volunteer or get more involved to further the goals of our organization as we strive to help Israel and strengthen the mutually-beneficial U.S.-Israel relationship, please call the Philadelphia ZOA Office at 610-660-9466 or email us at: [office@zoaphilly.org](mailto:office@zoaphilly.org).*



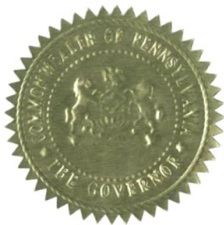
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**GREETINGS:**

It is my honor to join with the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia in celebrating their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service and to recognize Allen L. Rothenberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Ormland, and Jim and Diane Showers for their outstanding service.

Since 1897, the Zionist Organization of America has upheld its mission to advocate for and educate individuals on Israel and the Middle East. This organization has demonstrated a deep commitment to strengthening US-Israeli relations and has continued to illustrate the importance of public service and care for all individuals. By investing in individuals young and old, the Zionist Organization of America has conveyed a message of hope and confidence to its members. Through their remarkable records of personal and professional accomplishments, Allen L. Rothenberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Ormland, and Jim and Diane Showers have demonstrated outstanding character, passion, and inner strength, as well as an unwavering commitment to help improving countless lives. These individuals and this organization have represented the commonwealth with great honor and distinction, and will serve as inspiration for years to come.

As Governor, and on behalf of all the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I am delighted to celebrate the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia's 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable evening and continued success in your mission.



*Tom Wolf*  
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September 12, 2017

Dear Guests and Honorees,

Congratulations on the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Zionist Organization of America and the Greater Philadelphia District's 2017 Gala. This is a fitting celebration of ZOA's many contributions to the Jewish community, and you should be proud of all you've done to promote Israel and strengthen America's critical alliance with the Jewish State.

Throughout its history, the Zionist Organization of America has been a strong voice for Jewish Americans, the protection and security of the Jewish State, and the special friendship and alliance between Israel and the United States. This year's honorees, Allen L. Rothenberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, and Jim and Diane Showers have all demonstrated a remarkable commitment to these important goals and the Jewish community, and as Governor of Delaware, I am proud to join in recognizing them for their achievements.

Once again, congratulations to this year's honorees and on your annual gala. Thank you for your continued dedication to Israel and the Jewish community in our region. I wish you all the best for the future.

Sincerely,

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John C. Carney  
Governor  
State of Delaware



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THOMAS R. CARPER  
DELAWARE

September 12, 2017

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Zionist Organization of America -Greater Philadelphia District as you celebrate your annual Tribute Gala, and extend warm greetings to everyone gathered.

As the oldest pro-Israel organization in the United States, ZOA has made vital contributions to our nation's culture and society. Through education, outreach, and leadership, your work extends and brings both energy and a richness of life to the area, and to the people of Delaware.

Best wishes for an enjoyable event. May you celebrate many in the years to come!

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Carper".

Thomas R. Carper  
United States Senator



**United States Senate**  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

ROBERT P. CASEY, JR.  
PENNSYLVANIA

July 13, 2017

Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my greetings to the Greater Philadelphia District of the Zionist Organization of America and its members.

I especially want to offer my warmest congratulations to the honorees of this year's Annual Gala: Allen L. Rothenberg, recipient of the Pillar of the Community Award; Jonathan Tobin, recipient of the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism; Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, recipient of the Guardian of Israel Award; and Jim and Diane Showers, recipients of the Friends of Zion Award. Please accept my best wishes on these well-deserved honors.

These awards are a wonderful acknowledgment of the years of commitment and dedication shown by these individuals. Thank you for your stalwart advocacy and efforts to support the strong and special relationship between the U.S. and Israel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Casey, Jr." in a cursive style.

Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
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August 2, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is my sincere honor to congratulate the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) on the celebration of its 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Annual Gala for the Greater Philadelphia district on September 12, 2017. Since its founding in 1897, the Zionist Organization of America has represented American Jews and promoted a continued commitment to our ally, Israel. The Greater Philadelphia district of ZOA embodies these causes in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and my home state of Delaware. I would like to thank the organization for these efforts.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to this year's honorees: Allen L. Rothenberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, and Jim and Diane Showers. These men and women have proven their commitment to both the local Jewish community and a strong and secure Israel, and for this I join the organization in congratulating them.

As a United States Senator, I share ZOA's commitment to Israel, and believe that a continued relationship between our two nations is beneficial to both Americans and Israelis. On this night of great celebration for your organization, I wish you all *mazel tov*.

Sincerely,



Christopher A. Coons  
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September 12, 2017

Zionist Organization of America  
Greater Philadelphia District  
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Dear Friends and Supporters of Israel,

It is my pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to this year's attendees of the 2017 Gala of the Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia District. Since its founding 120 years ago, the ZOA has been one of the strongest and most effective voices for the State of Israel. I would like to recognize and thank its members for their continued commitment and dedication to the organization over the years.

I would like to also congratulate the Philadelphia ZOA and tonight's honorees. Rabbi Yaacov Orimland will receive the Guardian of Israel Award and Jonathan Tobin will be recognized with the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism. In addition, Allen Rothenberg will be honored with the Pillar of the Community Award. I would also like to recognize Jim and Diane Showers who will be awarded the Friends of Zion Award for their support of Israel within the Christian community.

Once again, I would like to recognize and thank tonight's honorees, attendees and the Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia District for their tremendous support of Israel and the Jewish Community.

Sincerely,



Pat Toomey  
U.S. Senator





Mr. Lee Bender, President  
Mr. Kevin Ross, President  
Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia  
One Belmont Avenue, Suite 601  
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Dear Mr. Bender and Mr. Ross,

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District, I write to congratulate the Zionist Organization of America on reaching the 120th Anniversary of its founding. This milestone is nothing short of remarkable.

Over the past 120 years, ZOA has remained an incredible force for Israeli activism. Since its founding in 1897, ZOA has provided numerous educational opportunities to the public, and its membership continues to ensure that our future community leaders understand the importance of strengthening the essential bond between the United States and Israel. I wholeheartedly support ZOA's mission and commend those who work to further it.

I want to extend a special congratulations to this year's honorees at the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia's 2017 Gala. Allen L. Rothenberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, and Jim and Diane Showers, as advocates for one of the United States' most trusted allies, your work remains vital to our nation's international affairs.

All my best,

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Lou Barletta  
Member of Congress

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July 27, 2017

Dear Guests and Honorees,

As The Congresswoman of Delaware, it is my honor to join the Greater Philadelphia District of the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) in recognizing this evening's honorees, Allen L. Rothenberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, and Jim and Diane Showers, and celebrating their hard work and support of the ZOA.

I would like to congratulate the Zionist Organization of America is celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year of promoting a strong U.S.-Israel relationship. This chapter has members from eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and, my own district, Delaware. The Greater Philadelphia District ZOA has shown a steadfast dedication to the mission of maintaining safe and secure relations between the United States and Israel. Tonight's Award recipients have displayed unwavering support and commitment to the ZOA and the Jewish Community.

I wish a very enjoyable weekend and another 120 years of the Zionist Organization of America!

Sincerely,

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Lisa Blunt Rochester  
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July 18, 2017

ZOA Greater Philadelphia  
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Greetings:

I am pleased to extend my congratulations to the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia on the occasion of its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the celebration of its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Philadelphia Gala.

Throughout its long history of advocacy and outreach, ZOA has strengthened the bonds between Israel and the United States and helped spread awareness of our shared goals and values. Working with students, lawmakers, and diverse faith groups, ZOA has fostered a spirit of international community here in Philadelphia. The organization's dedication to combatting antisemitism and promoting strong U.S.-Israeli relations is unmatched.

As America's most important ally in the Middle East and an epicenter of history and commerce, Israel holds a special place among America's partners abroad. Both nations are stronger today because of our shared commitment to freedom of speech and religion, the rule of law, democracy, and human rights. As a Member of Congress, I will do all I can to continue furthering these ideals.

I commend and thank ZOA of Greater Philadelphia for its lasting commitment to U.S.-Israeli relationship.

Sincerely,



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September 12, 2017

Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia  
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Dear Friends,

Today, I thank you for your attendance at this year's Annual Philadelphia ZOA Gala for the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) Greater Philadelphia.

Furthermore, I commend the Greater Philadelphia ZOA on their 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. As the oldest and one of the largest pro-Israel groups in America, this anniversary marks the 120<sup>th</sup> year of a long tradition of advocating for the Jewish state. For more than a century, the ZOA has illuminated the positive impact of the state of Israel on the world, and explained their steps towards Middle East Peace. Importantly, in the decades following the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, the ZOA has done much to advance the United States-Israel relationship and to efficiently communicate Israel's security needs to all American leaders. I have always enjoyed working with the ZOA Philadelphia Chapter, and I consider them one of my most valuable resources when it comes to topics related to Israel, Iran, and the Middle East at-large.

In addition to the anniversary of the ZOA, tonight we also celebrate this year's undoubtedly deserving awardees of the highest honors for their diligent work supporting Israel. I hope all of you will join me in thanking Allan L. Rothenberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, and Jim and Diane Showers for their time and unrelenting commitment to this important cause. Standing up on behalf of Israel is a difficult job, but it is undeniably a noble one. I thank you for your unyielding work on behalf of the Jewish State and its security.

I hope that you each and every one of you has an enjoyable experience on this special night. Once again, I thank you for all of your good work, and for the dedication and passion of the ZOA to supporting the nation of Israel.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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September 12, 2017

Dear Friends and Supporters of Israel:

It is my honor to congratulate the Zionist Organization of America on celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and to thank everyone at the Greater Philadelphia District for their efforts to make the 2017 Gala truly special.

This evening is a time to reflect on the tireless work of so many during the past year and recognize the tremendous dedication and exemplary leadership of each of this year's honorees. Congratulations to Allen L. Rothenberg, Pillar of the Community Award; Jonathan Tobin, Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism; Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, Guardian of Israel Award; and Jim and Diane Showers, Friends of Zion Award.

Each award recipient has used their incredible talents to contribute positively to the Greater Philadelphia region and effectively advocate and raise awareness about the special relationship between the United States and Israel. The recognition of their efforts is indeed well-deserved.

Best wishes to everyone for a memorable evening and for continued success during the coming year as you continue working on critical issues in the Jewish Community and highlighting the many good works of Israel.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Costello". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Ryan Costello  
Member of Congress

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Lee Bender, President  
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Dear Mr. Bender and Mr. Ross:

On behalf of the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I am pleased to extend greetings to you, the honorees, the staff, and members of the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia on the occasion of ZOA's Annual Gala.

To the recipients of this year's prestigious ZOA awards – Allen L. Rothenberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, and Jim and Diane Showers – I commend your leadership and commitment to the State of Israel. You each epitomize the qualities of an inspired advocate for one of the United States' most cherished allies.

For 120 years, ZOA's mission to be a voice for Israel continues to play a vital role in the world today. I support that mission and those individuals who work resolutely to keep Israel safe and secure.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charles W. Dent  
Member of Congress  
15th District, Pennsylvania



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September 12, 2017

Mr. Steve Feldman  
Executive Director  
Zionist Organization of America, Greater Philadelphia  
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Greetings Mr. Feldman:

It is with great privilege and honor that I extend greetings to you and your organization in recognition of the *Zionist Organization of America: Greater Philadelphia's 2017 Gala!*

As your organization celebrates its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, I commend Zionist Organization of America, Greater Philadelphia on the service you provide to your community.


ZOA, Greater Philadelphia's mission of offering the true facts and history of Israel and the Middle East allows for all communities to learn about and appreciate Israel's many good works and the steps it continues to make for peace.

I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to this year's Gala Awards honorees! Allen Rothenberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland and Jim and Diane Showers.

I am excited to celebrate this milestone event with your organization. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to those attending your gala and visiting our city for this momentous occasion.

Again, my sincere congratulations on this important event.

Sincerely,



Dwight Evans  
Member of Congress

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September 12, 2017

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I would like to extend my greetings to the Zionist Organization of America and all its members. Thank you for the work you do in our community and around the country to foster and promote a strong and resilient U.S. – Israel relationship.

As a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, I am proud to stand as a steadfast supporter of the nation of Israel. Not only is Israel a precious ally of the United States, but it is also the rightful homeland of the Jewish people. In addition, I am proud to stand alongside the ZOA and organizations like them in their ongoing fight against anti-Semitism and anti-Israel bias.

I would like to personally congratulate this year's award winners: Rabbi Yaacov Orimland - recipient of the *Guardians of Israel Award*, Jonathan Tobin - recipient of the *Ben Hecht Award*, Allen L. Rothenberg - recipient of the *Pillar of the Community Award*, and Jim & Diane Showers - *Friends of Zion Award* honorees. I sincerely appreciate your efforts and commend you for your commitment to strengthening the Jewish community and supporting the invaluable relationship our nation shares with the state of Israel.

I look forward to working with the Zionist Organization of America in the future to promote our mutual interests. It is an honor and a privilege to serve you in the United States Congress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Fitzpatrick".

Brian Fitzpatrick  
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Mr. Steve Feldman  
Executive Director  
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Greater Philadelphia  
1 Belmont Avenue, Suite 601  
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Dear Mr. Feldman:

Congratulations to the Zionist Organization of America – Greater Philadelphia as you celebrate your annual 2017 Gala.

Please extend my warmest congratulations to tonight's award recipients: Mr. Rothenberg for receiving the Pillar of the Community award; Mr. Tobin for receiving the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism; Mr. and Mrs. Showers for receiving the Friends of Zion award and to Rabbi Yaacov Orimland for receiving the Guardian of Israel Award. These honorees embody the meaning of service by contributing to the education, leadership training and volunteer spirit in Jewish communities across New Jersey and the region at large. I applaud their dedication and devotion.

Again, congratulations and best wishes for an enjoyable event.

Sincerely,

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Dear Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia,

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I congratulate the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia on celebrating its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Since its founding in 1897, this commendable organization has made a lasting impact by educating the American public on Israel's rich history, encouraging extensive acceptance of Israeli culture, and contributing to the US-Israeli alliance. I am confident that the Zionist Organization of America's outstanding contributions to society will continue for years to come.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to those being honored on behalf of the Zionist Organization of America. Allen L. Rothenberg, Pillar of the Community Award honoree, is a shining example of altruism and civic leadership. His enactment of legislation on behalf of individuals afflicted by state-sponsored terrorism and his many years of involvement with the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs have improved the lives of countless individuals.

Jonathan Tobin, who is receiving the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism, has dedicated years of commentary, criticism, and editorial writing, which have been published in reputable sources such as the *New York Post*, *National Review*, *Haaretz*, *Israel Hayom*, and *The Federalist*. He has contributed to the edification and engagement of many Americans throughout the country.

Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, Guardian of Israel Award recipient, is a pillar of humanitarianism. His dedication to the Young Israel of Margate and his efforts to aid and counsel American youths afflicted by addiction encapsulate true goodwill and compassion.

Lastly, Jim and Diane Showers, Friends of Zion Award honorees, through their involvement with various religious organizations and efforts to lead several tours to Israel have continued to support the well-being of citizens both at home and abroad.

Again I congratulate each and every honoree and extend my sincerest wishes for the continued success of your organization. Thank you for all that you do and congratulations on this 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Sincerely,



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To the Zionist Organization of America: Greater Philadelphia,

I wish to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Zionist Organization of America and the honorees attending tonight's 2017 Gala. I appreciate your advocacy for a strong United States-Israel partnership and all the work you do for the Jewish community in the Delaware Valley and beyond.

It is my pleasure to join the Zionist Organization of America in congratulating this evening's five award recipients. I recognize and congratulate Allen L. Rothenberg for receiving the Pillar of the Community Award, Jonathan Tobin for receiving the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland for receiving the Guardian of Israel Award, and Jim and Diane Showers for their Friends of Zion Award. Tonight we celebrate five individuals who have significantly contributed to the Jewish community.

On behalf of the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I would like to personally commend and congratulate you all for your hard work and your commitment to a strong United States-Israel relationship.

Sincerely,

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September 12, 2017

Dear friends,

I extend to you a warm welcome to the Zionist Organization of America: Greater Philadelphia's 2017 Gala.

The bond between the United States and Israel, our strongest ally and the only true democracy in the Middle East, is unbreakable. My deep personal commitment to Israel and the Jewish people began as a young member of our local Jewish Community Center along with my family, and continues today as I proudly serve our community in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Having visited Israel multiple times in recent years and as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, the Congressional Israel Allies Caucus and the Democratic Israel Working Group, one of my key pursuits in Congress is supporting the United States' long-term commitment to Israel's defense interests. My support of Israel and its people is unwavering, as is my support of our region's Jewish community.

As you gather to celebrate America and Israel and our nations' common values for the Zionist Organization of America: Greater Philadelphia's 2017 Gala, I wish you all my very best!

Sincerely,



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September 12, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure to welcome you to the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA)-Greater Philadelphia District's 2017 Annual Gala. This evening provides the community an important opportunity to honor our distinguished guests, Allen Rothenberg, Jonathan Tobin, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, and Jim and Diane Showers, for their philanthropic work and leadership in the Greater Philadelphia area.

For 120 years, ZOA's education efforts, grassroots outreach, and government advocacy have played a vital role to bring us closer to peace in the Middle East. As a strong supporter of the enduring U.S.-Israeli partnership, I understand the importance of organizations like Greater Philadelphia ZOA supporting efforts to improve the well-being of all Jewish people.

Tonight's honorees are recognized for their exemplary leadership within the Greater Philadelphia area's Jewish community. It is fitting that we honor their tireless and selfless efforts to support the ZOA-Greater Philadelphia District's mission to strengthen our U.S.-Israel friendship.

Thank you to the ZOA-Greater Philadelphia District, the honorees, and all of you in attendance for your positive contributions to our community. I wish each of you an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,



Lloyd Smucker  
Member of Congress





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JAMES F. KENNEY  
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September 12, 2017

Bruchim haBaim Haverim: (Welcome friends)

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 2017 Gala of the Zionist Organization of America's Greater Philadelphia District on September 12, 2017.

The City of Philadelphia proudly celebrates its diversity and long legacy of immigrants who have made distinguished contributions to our City. We are very proud of our strong legacy in the settlement of generations of Jewish immigrants in our country. Our Jewish community continues to thrive locally with many synagogues, Jewish schools and civic organizations, and of course the National Museum of American Jewish History.

The Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) is a nonprofit founded in 1897 to help reestablish the State of Israel in the historic homeland of the Jewish people. Since Israel was established in 1948, ZOA has worked to ensure that the country remains a strong, secure, and vibrant nation, and that the close relationship between Israel and the United States remains positive.

I welcome the more than 350 guests who have come for this unique celebration of both America and Israel. I would like to give a hearty Mazal Tov to several individuals who will be honored tonight for their many efforts in support of these two countries: Allen L. Rothenberg will receive the Pillar of the Community Award; Jonathan S. Tobin will receive the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism; Jim and Diane Showers will receive the Friends of Zion Award; and Rabbi Yaacov Orimland will receive the Guardian of Israel Award.

On behalf of the citizens of Philadelphia, I commend all of the honorees being celebrated tonight and hope this year's Gala is a rewarding and memorable occasion for everyone in attendance.

Best regards,

  
James F. Kenney  
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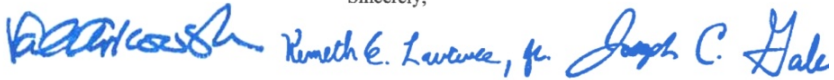
Dear Friends,

Please accept our congratulations on the occasion of the 2017 Gala of the Zionist Organization of America Greater Philadelphia and the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization. The Gala will be an opportunity to come together to honor individuals who have been especially active in their efforts to raise awareness about America and our ally Israel. I would also like to recognize this year's honorees: Jonathan Tobin, who will receive the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism; Jim and Diane Showers, who will receive the Friends of Zion Award; Allen L. Rothenberg, who will receive the Pillar of the Community Award; and Rabbi Yaacov Orimland who will receive the Guardian of Israel Award.

The Zionist Organization of America is the oldest pro-Israel organization in the United States and has a long and significant history nationally and in Montgomery County. Under the leadership of such illustrious presidents as Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, Rabbi Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, and current National President Morton A. Klein, the ZOA has been on the front lines of Jewish activism.

We commend all of you here today for your dedication to education, advocacy, and outreach and your commitment to fight anti-Semitism and foster the important relationship between America and Israel.

Sincerely,



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Dear Attendees of the Greater Philadelphia Zionist Organization of America 2017 Gala,

Welcome to this Celebration of America and Israel. I extend greetings to you from Margate, a city where some of you spend all or part of your year.

I want to recognize tonight's honorees: Allen L. Rothenberg, who will receive the Pillar of the Community Award; Jonathan S. Tobin, who will receive the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism; Jim and Diane Showers, who will receive the Friends of Zion Award; and Guardian of Israel Award recipient, our own Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, who is religious leader of Young Israel of Margate, an important institution in our city. Thank you each for your efforts to help America's important ally, Israel.

I further salute the Zionist Organization of America as you celebrate your 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary. ZOA has been a force on behalf of strengthening the United States- Israel relationship and educating Americans about Israel.

Thank you for all the work you do, and for your support of ZOA in the Greater Philadelphia area and beyond.

Michael Becker

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August 2, 2017

Dear Friends,

It is a pleasure to extend my personal greetings, through the pages of this journal, to all those in attendance at the Zionist Organization of America: Greater Philadelphia's 2017 Gala.

The Zionist Organization of America has served a crucial role in preserving and strengthening of the State of Israel for over 120 years. Their support and solidarity with our country, through good times and bad, has been unwavering, and for this we are grateful. From encouraging Israel advocacy on campuses, to promoting pro-Israel legislation, to combatting anti-Israel bias in the media, the ZOA of Greater Philadelphia clearly shows where they stand. The members of the ZOA of Greater Philadelphia fight for what they believe in and the people of Israel feel the effects of their efforts, each and every day. We may not know what the future holds but, we do know that through it all, the ZOA will always be at the forefront in its support for the only free and democratic State in the Middle East.

The great vision of the ZOA of Greater Philadelphia could never have been realized without the many dedicated individuals who contribute much of their time and resources towards carrying out their mission. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate tonight's honorees: Allen L. Rothenberg, recipient of the Pillar of the Community Award, Jonathan Tobin, recipient of the Ben Hecht Award for Outstanding Journalism, Rabbi Yaacov Orimland, recipient of the Guardian of Israel Award, and Jim and Diane Showers, recipients of the Friends of Zion Award. As we celebrate the achievements of this wonderful organization, I congratulate each of these deserving honorees on their prestigious awards and thank them for their service to our community and our people.

On behalf of the State of Israel, I wish you all the best and thank you for your devotion and commitment to our future.

Sincerely,



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*Judith Taylor*

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on their well-deserved awards.**

*Jill and Alan Miller*

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**MAZAL TOV**  
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*May you go from strength to  
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Salute the Zionist Organization of  
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— **David Ben-Gurion**

**Speech to the 21st Zionist Congress, Basel 1937**

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“Nikolai Berdayev (*The Meaning of History*, 1936) came to the conclusion that the script of Jewish history bears the mark of God’s hand.

Berdayev: ‘The survival [of Jews] is a mysterious and wonderful phenomenon demonstrating that the life of this people is governed by a special predetermination, transcending the processes of adaptation expounded by the materialistic interpretation of history. The survival of the Jews, their resistance to destruction, their endurance under absolutely peculiar conditions and the fateful role played by them in history: all these point to the particular and mysterious foundations of their destiny.’

Again, this perspective imposes enormous responsibility on Jews throughout the generations and on Israelis of this era – to live up to those “particular and mysterious foundations” and to the ethical exhortations articulated by our sources.

Israel must celebrate more than its material achievements – whether they are in military, medicine, hi-tech, agriculture, energy, or the arts. It must not accept “average” levels of crime or domestic violence. The state and people of Israel must be socially and morally super-conscientious; and in so doing, point beyond themselves to something grander than the natural order.”

**Source:**

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**LOIS KENNER LEVY**

*Mazel Tov* to the Honorees!

Special Yasher Koach to old friend and  
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Mort Klein.

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**Congratulations, Allen,  
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**Fondly,**

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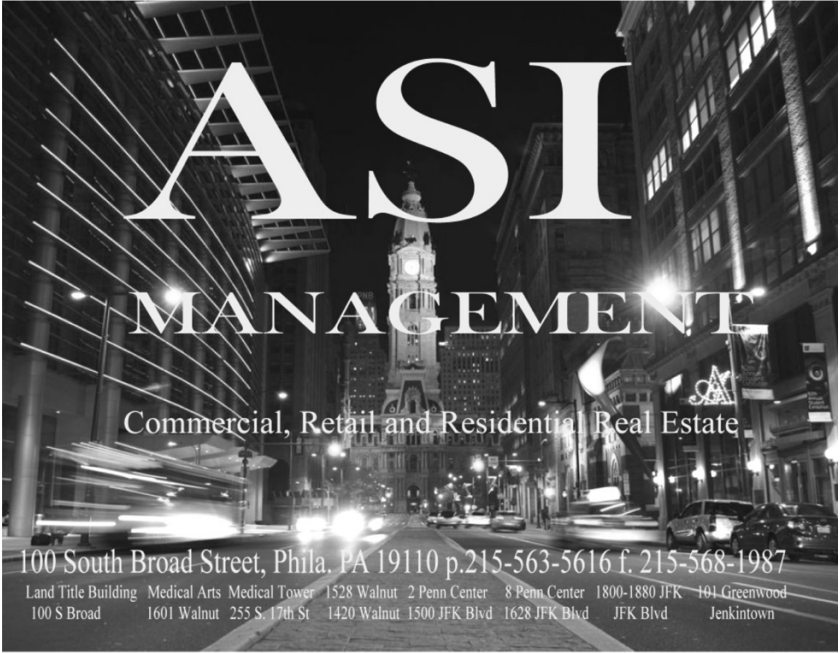
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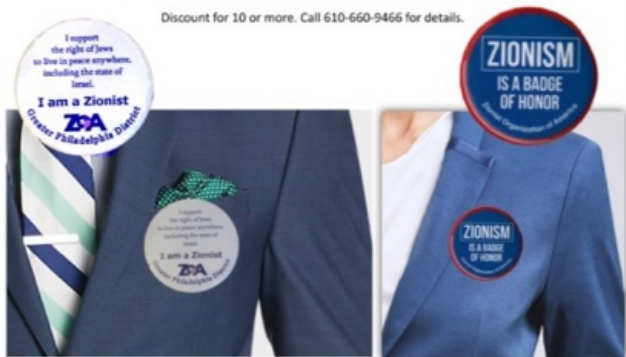
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