



Katz Family

In the month of Tammuz two years ago, our beloved husband and father Mordechai David Marcos passed away, *zichrono livrocha*.

Marcos was a person who sought inclusivity. He grew up in a family of Bobover chassidim in Krakow, Poland. He himself was a scion of the rebbe's family - a greatgrandson of Rav Chaim, the Sanzer rebbe.

When he grew up, he became a devoted Zionist. He supported many endeavors in the State of Israel, and worked unceasingly to reinforce and strengthen it.

Marcos was first and foremost an educator, but he was also a businessman and industrialist, philanthropist and involved contributor. Torah, halacha and Judaism were the pillars of his life. He therefore chose to memorialize his mother with a prize that exemplified his towering personality, a prize that contributes to strengthening the relevance of Torah to daily life, and which connects the world of the Jewish soul and spirit to the world of action.

This year too we are awarding the prize to luminaries of the Jewish people from our period. These great individuals have beamed the light of Torah and the view of halacha on the realm of government and society, jurisprudence, medicine, and technology, making it available to all. They have shown its relevance in the daily life of every Jewish man and woman, for the individual and the public.



We thank the honorable committee members - the chairman Prof. Menachem Ben Sasson, and his colleagues Rabbi Aryeh Stern *shlita*, the chief rabbi of Jerusalem, and Rabbi Chaim Sabato *shlita*, the acclaimed author and head of the Birchat Moshe hesder yeshiva in Maaleh Adumim, whose excellent selections have brought us to this memorable evening in which we are awarding the prizes.

Our hope is that this prize will live up to Marcos's desire to strengthen Torah life in the State of Israel and the Jewish people worldwide, while ensuring that his memory will never depart from us.

May the memory of the head of our family always be a blessing.

His wife, Adina, and the family