



Katz Family

On Tuesday night, the 26th of last July, our beloved husband and father, Mordechai David (Marcos) Katz, passed away at 89.

Marcos Katz founded the Katz Prize in memory of Marcos' late mother Golda Katz in 1975, but his deep connection to the Halacha and Jewish tradition was established long before that.

Marcos was born in Krakow, Poland, to a Hassidic family. In 1939, at the age of 13, he fled the Nazi occupation and came to Mandatory Palestine. In 1947, following his family, Marcos moved to Mexico. He was only 20 when he was appointed as the principal of the Jewish school in the city of Monterrey. Three years later, his bride Adina arrived to Mexico and they got married.

Over the years, Marcos became a prominent industrialist, a leader of the Jewish community in Mexico, and a close friend and benefactor to the State of Israel and dozens of projects and enterprises within it.

But all throughout that, Marcos always remained an educator at heart and in practice, teaching Torah, Halacha and the love of Israel to Jewish children and youth in Israel, in Mexico and in the United States.

Marcos is still here with us through his legacy and through the Katz Prize. Like in all of its years, the Katz Prize is bestowed this year upon exceptional organizations and individuals who have built solid bridges between Halacha and modernity.

We wish to thank the Chairman of the Katz Prize Committee, Prof. Menahem Ben-Sasson, and the committee members Rabbi Haim Sabato and Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, for their precious help and wise choices.

May the Katz Prize keep encouraging the preservation and renewal of Jewish principles and morality for generations to come, as Marcos would have wanted.

In loving memory of Marcos Katz,

His wife Adina and his children.