

Katz Family

Four years ago, in the month of Tammuz, our dear husband and father Mordechai David - Marcos - Katz passed away.

Marcos was a man of unity. He grew up in a family of Bobov chassidim in Krakow, Poland, and was himself a descendant of the Rebbe's family - a great-grandson of Rebbe Chaim of Sanz. He was an ardent Zionist who devotedly supported the State of Israel and unflaggingly stepped up to strengthen and sustain it.

Marcos was first and foremost an educator but he was also a businessman and an industrialist, a philanthropist and an influential donor. Torah and Judaism were the pillars of his personality. That is why he chose to commemorate the memory of his mother with a prize that characterized his great spirit. A prize that contributes to strengthening the Torah in our day-to-day life, and which connects the world of the spirit and the soul with the world of deeds.

After a complex and challenging year, we are pleased to award the prize to individuals who have illuminated the lives of the Jewish people at this time. These luminaries have shone the Torah's bright light and made halacha accessible to individuals and communities who seek it. Their impact has been in the area of society and state, law and justice, medicine, technology and the general myriad details of Jewish men and women's daily life.

We thank the esteemed members of the committee, the chairman, Professor Menachem Ben Sasson, and the other members, the Rav and author Chaim Sabato shlita, the head of the Birkat Moshe Hesder Yeshiva in Ma'ale Adumim, and Rav Chaim Dichovski, for their prodigious choices.

I wish to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the winners of the 2021 Prize: Rabbi Gavriel Goldman, Prof. Shulamit Levenberg, Rabbi Yitzchak Shilat and the Tzurbah M'Rabbanan Institute headed by Rabbi Benzion Algazi.

We hope that this award will perpetuate Marcos' desire to establish Torah life in the State of Israel and the entire Jewish world, and that his memory will never depart from us.

May the memory of the head of our family be blessed.

[His wife Adina and the family](#)