

Meirav Catriel Shtarker Katz Prize, Executive Director

It is already six years since Mordechai David (Marcus) Katz, founder of the Katz Prize, was taken from us. The prize he founded has a glorious past and a promising future. Until this day many dozens of well-known personalities and institutions, and great Torah scholars and spiritual giants, have been awarded it.

This year we received hundreds of inquiries from institutions and individuals. These entities and individuals, each person in his field of endeavor, have excelled in integrating halachah into modern life and doing holy work all year round. All of them are deserving.

The award committee meticulously examined each and every candidate, and selected four of them. The awardees are two individuals and two institutions that are especially deserving: Rabbi Yaakov Epstein, Professor Ely Merzbach, the Institute for the Study of Agriculture According to the Torah, and Chabad Shluchim - Merkaz L'Inyinei Chinuch.

I would like to thank the members of the award committee, the chairman, Professor Menachem Ben Sasson, Rabbi Shlomo Dichovsky and the rabbi and author Chaim Sabato - wonderful people, great in Torah and science, who devoted their precious time and made every effort to select the right candidates.

An outsized thank you to the dear Katz family. They are wonderful people who love the State of Israel, the Torah and the Jewish people. Their wonderful heritage has benefited so many.

May you be blessed,

Meirav Catriel Shtarker