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Katz Award Founder



As founders of the Katz Award, Adina and I are proud to present this booklet, which details some of the Award recipients' enormous contributions to the application of the Halacha in modern life. In 1975 we established the Katz Award in my mother's name – Golda Katz; my beloved mother and my revered father guided my footsteps, cultivating and placating my curiosity through Jewish law.

Indeed today, the Jewish people and humanity at large are living in an era of rapid change – questions of technology, medicine, the environment and gender to name a few, are ongoing and demand answers. The 2014 Katz Award recipients Rabbi Zalman Nehemiah Goldberg, Rabbi Yehoshua Neuwirth *zt"l*, Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, and Rabbi Zvi (Herschel) Schachter, have provided our generation with innovative responses to diverse questions from a spectrum of fields, and allowed us to continue our spiritual existence.



We are thrilled to be hosting this event in Jerusalem on the eve of Jerusalem day, an Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and answering the 2,000-year-old prayer of “Next Year in Jerusalem”. An annual event, the Katz Award too answers this ancient prayer, which has served to bind and illuminate the path for Jewish communities in Israel and the Diaspora.

I wish to thank the Award Committee who selected the 2014 recipients under the chairmanship of Rabbi Israel Meir Lau and with Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz and Professor Menahem Ben-Sasson.

I take this opportunity to welcome you and thank you for joining us here in Jerusalem.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Katz', written in a cursive style.

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