

Chairman, Katz Prize Committee

Mr. Marcos Katz z”l together with his wife, Adina Katz, founded the Katz Prize four decades ago in memory of his mother Golda Katz *oleha shalom*.

The prize was created to encourage the practical, creative and active implementation of halacha to modern, dynamic life, and recognize those individuals who have devoted themselves to achieving these applications.

Choosing the winners among the many individuals and institutions whose candidacy was submitted to the committee was not easy since many were deserving and each person fulfilled the qualification of applying halacha practically to our lives.

The distinguished members of the Prize Committee chose three personalities and one institution from among them. They are: Rav Gavriel Goldman, Prof. Shulamit Levenberg, Rav Yitzchak Shilat and the Tzurbah M’Rabbanan Institute, headed by Rav Benzion Algazi. This year, the committee found that they had made a prominent impact on the world of practical halacha applications.

I would like to congratulate all the prize winners and wish them many more blessed years of disseminating the Torah. May their wellsprings continue to flow outward.

I would like to thank my illustrious colleagues in the Prize Committee, Rav Shlomo Dichovski and the rav and author, Rav Haim Shabato shlita, who gave of their time and experience for the committee's deliberations to professionally choose the prize winners.

I am deeply grateful to dear Adina and the Katz family who are devotedly fulfilling the will of the founder’s prize, Mordechai Marcos Katz z”l.

Regards,

Prof. Menachem Ben-Sasson