

Marcos Katz Funder



Dear Friends,

This year we are marking forty years of the Katz Family Foundation Award.

In 1975 Adina and I founded the Award in memory of our deceased mother of gentle soul and noble spirit, Golda Katz, of blessed memory. My loving parents educated me in the way of Jewish law and tradition, and cultivated within me a curiosity of modern development. In order to bridge between the two – Jewish law and modern development we established the Foundation to implement Jewish law in modern life.

Since establishing the Award and up until today, the world has changed and continues to change beyond recognition. Those dealing in Jewish law are required to find the delicate balance between the ruling of Jewish law and the unstoppable advancement in all areas of life. Those same outstanding individuals, who recognized the pressing need of our times and therefore found the balance between Jewish law and the times we are living in, are deserving of honor and respect.

I had the pleasure to present the Award to tens of institutions and personalities who meaningfully contributed towards the implementation of Jewish law in modern life. I know that the Katz Award provided encouragement and acknowledgment for the recipients and enabled them to continue in their work and creativity on behalf of society in honor of the Jewish law.

This year I have the honor to present the Award to four recipients; the Chief Rabbi of Paris, Rabbi Isaac Michel Guggenheim; Dr. Hanna Katan; the Keter Institute for Torah Economics and the Puah Institute – two outstanding individuals and two respected institutes. Every one of the recipients has achieved and continues to achieve great accomplishments in their respective fields.

I wish to thank the Award Committee - Rabbi Yaakov Ariel, Professor Menahem Ben-Sasson and Rabbi Adin Even-Israel (Steinsaltz) - who took great pains in order to choose the personalities and institutions who were most deserving of the Award.

Best regards,

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