



## Chairman, Katz Prize Committee

About four decades ago, Mr. Marcos Katz *zichrono livrocho* set up the Katz Prize with his wife Adina Katz, *tibodel l'chayim aruchim*, which was named in memory of his mother Golda Katz *oleha hasholem*.

The goal of the prize was to encourage the practical application of halacha to our modern, dynamic life.

It was not easy to select the winners among the individuals and institutions whose candidacy was submitted. All of them were deserving and each one in his way exemplified the implementation of halacha in our life.

My colleagues on the Prize committee chose among the candidates three individuals and one institution, who are: Rabbi Asher Zelig Weiss, Rabbi Yehudah Herzl Henkin, Rabbi Yosef Zvi Rimon and the Institute for the Research of Jewish Law, all of whom were found this year to having made an indelible impression on applying Torah to contemporary life.

I would like to congratulate all the prize winners and wish them many years of successful Torah endeavors. May the wellsprings of their wisdom continue to flow.

I would like to thank my distinguished colleagues, the members of the Prize committee: the chief rabbi of Jerusalem Rabbi Stern *shlita*, and the head of yeshiva and author Rabbi Chaim Sabato *shlita*, for their excellent and astute choices.

And last but not least, I would like to thank Mrs. Adina and the illustrious Katz family who were privileged to bring to fruition the will of the Prize founder, Mordechai Marcos Katz *zichrono livrocha*.

Sincerely,

**Prof. Menachem Ben-Sasson**

