

Chairman, Katz Prize Committee

More than forty years ago, the distinguished Mr. Marcos Katz of blessed memory and his wife, Adina, established a charity and chesed fund in memory of Marcos's mother, Mrs. Golda Katz.

One of the Foundation's goals, among its other charitable projects, was to encourage the dynamic application of halacha in contemporary life.

Many excellent and worthy candidates submitted their candidacy for the award, and the committee chose the best among them after careful deliberation.

This year, the Committee selected four outstanding individuals: Rabbi Zion Arusi, Rabbi Eliezer Melamed, Rabbi Alfonso Arbib and Prof. Yaakov Choueka, as being worthy of receiving the award for 2019. Each of these individuals has made an outstanding contribution to applying halacha to modern life.

I would like to congratulate the distinguished winners for their excellence and important contributions. May the fruits of their labor be widely disseminated and influential in modern society.

I would like to thank my distinguished colleagues, the members of the Prize Committee, the Chief Rabbi of Jerusalem, Rabbi Aryeh

Stern; Rabbi Shlomo Dichovsky; and the author and rabbi, Rabbi Chaim Sabato, shlita, for their judicious and wise choices.

I would like to especially thank the honorable Katz family and the one who headed it with her late husband, the distinguished Mrs. Adina Katz.

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In appreciation,

Prof. Menachem Ben-Sasson