


Meirav Catriel Shtarker


Executive Director Katz Prize



I have been truly blessed in recent years to oversee the Katz Award. This is an award with a magnificent past and a promising future, which until today has been won by tens of well-known personalities and establishments who glorify the Torah and revolutionize the way society thinks. This year we requested from the general public to suggest candidates whom they deem worthy of the Katz Award. We received a huge number of applications from different groups, establishments and individuals. Groups and personalities who are doing sacred work throughout the year while doing their utmost to integrate Jewish law into modern life, each person in his respective field of work. Each and every one of them truly deserve a mention.

I presented all of the candidates to the Award Committee. The Award Committee took every candidate into serious consideration and from all of the candidates decided upon four recipients.

Among the chosen recipients are two well-known and well-accomplished institutes: the Puah Institute and the incredibly moving work that it does in order to bring new life into the world, and the Keter Institute for Torah Economics which revealed a new world with new horizons.



Also selected were Rabbi Isaac Michel Guggenheim, the Chief Rabbi of Paris, a Torah giant and influencer & Dr. Hanna Katan, an impressive, modest lady with incredible achievements. I am very moved by the fact that, for the first time, the Katz Award is being presented to a woman who has contributed an incredible amount to the progression of Jewish law in modern life and I am hopeful that she will lead the way for many other women.

I wish to thank the Award Committee; Rabbi Yaakov Ariel, Professor Menahem Ben-Sasson and Rabbi Adin Even-Israel (Steinsaltz) - wonderful people who are giants in both Torah and the sciences- who gave of their precious time and made every effort to choose the most deserving recipients. In addition, I'd like to thank Rabbi Isaac Ohana who, with great professionalism, garnered information and advised the Committee.

A warm thank-you to Marcos and his dear wife Adina, wonderful people, lovers of the land of Israel, the Torah of Israel and the people of Israel, who fully trusted in my managing of the Katz Award. Along every step of the way I consulted with them and learned a great deal from their extensive experience and wisdom. I wish to thank them for their trust and for the opportunity that they provided me and wish them many more years of blessed achievements in honor of the State of Israel.

Best regards,
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