



Among those representing Project Witness and *Hamodia* at the ceremony were (L-R): Mr. Shimon Lichtenstein, Rabbi Hershel Steinberg, Mr. Yonoson Moller, Mr. Moshe Batalion, and Mr. Gi Orman.



L-R: U.S. Senator Tim Kaine, Mr. J. Morton Davis, U.S. Senator Al Franken, Mr. Ezra Friedlander, Mr. Greg Rosenbaum.



L-R: Mr. J. Morton Davis, Mr. Ezra Friedlander (standing), Mr. Greg Rosenbaum, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (speaking).

insurmountable difficulties. Senator Jeane Shaheen of New Hampshire, a member of many important committees including Armed Services, Appropriations, and Foreign Relations, warmly introduced Mrs. Ruth Lichtenstein and presented her with the award. In her speech, Senator Shaheen spoke of the dimensions of the Jewish-American heritage. She told her audience that nearly 140,000 Holocaust survivors immigrated to the United States after World War II and that their resilience and resourcefulness have enriched the American nation in so many ways. She spoke of the necessity to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive and of the ongoing work being done in that regard by Project Witness and by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, sponsored by the United States government. She mentioned Mr. Tom Lantos, a Hungarian refugee who was the only Holocaust survivor to have served in the United States Congress. She praised him for his reputation as a man of integrity, concerned with human rights. In fact, upon his death the Congressional Human Rights

Caucus, which he founded in 1983, was renamed the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission. Senator Shaheen concluded by saying, "The veneer of civilization is paper-thin; we are its guardians ... you are the witness to what happened in the Holocaust ... thank you for remembering, educating, and inspiring." In a superb and impassioned acceptance speech, Mrs. Lichtenstein spoke of her reasons for establishing Project Witness. Her earnest plea to remember the voices of the six million whose voices were never heard included a heartfelt plea to the highest levels of government to attack the problems facing Jewry today — malignant and pervasive anti-Semitism on campuses and throughout the world, and the BDS movement and its damaging ramifications. Quoting the words of her father, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Levin, *z"l*, a Holocaust survivor who lost his family in the Holocaust, Mrs. Lichtenstein said, "We cannot correct those wrongs, but we must record them." Her poignant concluding words were, "Project Witness was created to promote remembrance — to be the voice

of the mothers who lost their children, the voice of the girls who never became mothers, the voice of the youth who lost their future, the voice of the grandparents who never saw their grandchildren grow. ..." Her words resonated throughout the vast chamber, leaving an echoing silence that will not quickly be forgotten. Project Witness will not be resting on its laurels. It is constantly engaged in developing original, groundbreaking programming designed to reach

both adults and young people in order to ensure that the memory of the Holocaust, its role in conveying the message of the eternity of *Klal Yisrael*, and the determination manifested by those who survived to rebuild on the ashes of the past are transmitted to the next generation. The event was coordinated by The Friedlander Group under the stewardship of Mr. Ezra Friedlander who remarked that this year's honorees "represent the gamut of Jewish contributions to the United States."

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