

Project Witness Among Those to be Honored by the United States Senate



Rabbi Hillel Zaltzman



Mr. Stanley Treitel



Mr. J. Morton Davis



Honorable Norman Eisen



NYS Assemblymember Phil Goldfeder

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On May 25, the United States Senate will celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month by officially recognizing several outstanding Jewish Americans who have greatly enriched the fabric of American life. Prominent members of the U.S. Senate will be participating and heralding the accomplishments of this year's honorees who include the following:

Mrs. Ruth Lichtenstein, the founder and director of Project Witness, will be recognized for her trailblazing accomplishments in the realm of Holocaust education. With remarkable tenacity, she persevered in fulfilling her long-cherished dream of transmitting to future generations the history and the spiritual courage of the six million Jews who perished, as well as of those who survived the horror of the Holocaust. Through a variety of popular and highly acclaimed educational and community initiatives, Mrs. Lichtenstein and Project Witness are ensuring that the memory of the Holocaust and its implications for worldwide Jewry will never fade into the mists of time. By remembering those who perished, and honoring those who survived to rebuild a viable and remarkable world of Torah in our time, the timeless heritage of courage, humanity, and integrity that the Holocaust generation bequeathed to us is now finding its way deep into the hearts of subsequent generations. With her goal of educating, inspiring, and transforming, Project Witness has led the field in stimulating Jewish awareness and pride of identity.

Rabbi Hillel Zaltzman of Chamah was born in Kharkov, Ukraine. His family fled the Nazis to Samarkand, Uzbekistan, where he grew up. When simply being a Jew posed a grave danger, 16-year old Hillel entered the Chabad-Lubavitch underground whose mandate was to keep Judaism alive in the crosshairs of the KGB by carrying out missions throughout the

Soviet Union.

Rabbi Zaltzman immigrated to America in 1974. In his widely acclaimed literary work, *Samarkand, The Underground's Far Reaching Impact*, Rabbi Zaltzman transports the reader to times gone by, painting a graphic picture of legendary heroes by describing in vivid detail the fascinating story of the self-sacrifice of a small group of Jews who bravely fought the mighty, brutal Soviet regime, and prevailed.

Mr. Thomas B. Corby is President of the LA-based Erwin Rautenberg Charitable Foundation, whose support has enabled the USC Shoah Foundation, Jewish Home for Aging, Holocaust Survivors Justice Network and The JVS Scholarship Fund. Mr. Corby is a major force behind the humanitarian work of these organizations. His generous and tireless support has literally turned around thousands of lives.

Mr. J. Morton Davis is owner and chairman of D.H. Blair Investment Banking Corp. The over 400 companies for which he has raised more than \$3 billion have created countless jobs and have added exciting new products including breakthrough pharmaceuticals, and unique electronic and telecommunications products. Mr. Davis served on the Board of trustees of Yeshiva University and on the Board of Sy Syms School of Business.

Manochehr Mike Nazarian is the chairman the Iranian American Jewish Federation which was founded in 1980 as an umbrella organization whose main objective is representing Iranian Jews — as well as streamlining the philanthropic activities of its member organizations.

Rabbi Marc Schneier, president of the Foundation For Ethnic Understanding, is an international figure who is renowned for his dedication to strengthening cooperation and reconciliation among ethnic and religious communities most notably in the field of Black-Jewish Rela-

tions. Rabbi Schneier is the author of *Shared Dreams: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Jewish Community*.

This event will be co-chaired by Mr. Greg Rosenbaum, whose leadership has greatly enhanced the Jewish Heritage celebrations on Capitol Hill; Hon. Norman Eisen, former Ambassador to the Czech Republic; Assemblymember Phil Goldfeder; Mr. Stanley Treitel, Co-Chair of the Wallenberg Commission; and coor-

dated by The Friedlander Group, under the stewardship of Mr. Ezra Friedlander.

Mr. Friedlander remarked that this year's honorees "literally represent the gamut of Jewish contributions to the United States, ranging from fighting for religious freedom, philanthropy, Holocaust remembrance and education, to business achievements, civil rights and successful integration of an immigrant community."

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