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### America's First Lady Mrs. Gerald R. Ford

Mrs. Gerald R. Ford—"Betty" to millions across America and around the world—has a calendar almost as crowded as the President's, and it has always been that way. She has raised a healthy family of three sons and a daughter, she has earned a living working in a department store, she was both a mother and a full working partner to her husband as Congressman, Minority Leader, and Vice President. As a girl, she learned a Spartan sense of self-discipline in the rigorous school of modern dance founded and dominated by the legendary Martha Graham; that training serves her well in her demanding tasks as First Lady. In the White House, her interests range from the Arts to Women's Rights and Retarded Children. Already her keen interest in the work of American craftsmen is plain to see in the White House—at elaborate State dinners, the wines are American and so are the crystals and porcelains that gleam on the tables. Two years ago, with three sons off to college and only daughter left in high school, Betty Ford felt the need to fill her days with useful and interesting work; she checked around Washington for a part-time job. But in December of '73 the job found her—wife of the Vice President. And then in August '74, came an overtime job: First Lady of the United States.

The Religious Zionists of America is proud to have the First Lady grace its platform.

# In Memoriam



**Pinchas Sapir Z"l**

Mr. Pinchas Sapir, the Chairman of the Jewish Agency and former Finance Minister who was one of Israel's founding fathers, died suddenly from a heart attack on August 12th, while visiting the Negev. He was 68. Mr. Sapir collapsed soon after attending together with Mr. Itzhak Rabin, the Prime Minister, the inauguration of a new synagogue in the Negev moshav of Netivot, inhabited by former Cochin Jews.

We mourn a great friend of our Movement who was guest speaker at the 64th National Convention of Religious Zionists, November 14th, 1974 in New York.



**Michael Chazani Z"l**

Minister of Social Welfare, State of Israel, veteran leader of Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi passed away July 2 while addressing a conference of Arabs in the West Bank. Chazani was a pioneer who contributed to religious colonization of Israel. He was a Torah scholar, thinker and ideologist of religious Zionism. We mourn deeply the passing of this great leader of our movement.

בעזרת השם השוכן בציון

THE RELIGIOUS ZIONISTS OF AMERICA

MIZRACHI-HAPOEL HAMIZRACHI

SALUTES

STANLEY DUBROW

and

MILTON HOFFMAN

as well as its

CHIEF RABBI ISAAC HALEVY HERZOG

GOLD MEDAL AWARDEES

1975

Leonard Aconsky

Jerrold Fox

Albert Alter

Jack Futterman

Mrs. Maklouf Amsellem

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NATIONAL BANQUET

THE NEW YORK HILTON

SEPTEMBER 3, 1975





**Guest of Honor  
Stanley Dubrow**

It is with great pleasure and pride that the Religious Zionists of America pays tribute at its 65th Annual Banquet to Stanley Dubrow. Mr. Dubrow, Vice President Pathmark Division of Supermarkets General Corporation, was a lecturer in Supermarket Management Workshop at State University of New York at Farmingdale; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Kingsboro Community College, Brooklyn, New York; Distributive Education Program, Plainfield High School, Plainfield, New Jersey. He served on Business Seminar Merchandising Panels, Super-Market Institute. He is a Founding Member of the Watchung Mountain Lodge #2403 B'nai Brith and a member of the Food Industry Lodge of B'nai Brith. His extraordinary involvement in the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds and other humanitarian causes and his deep attachment to the State of Israel have earned him the respect and admiration of the entire community.



**Guest Speaker  
The Honorable Simcha Dinitz  
Israeli Ambassador to the United States**

Mr. Simcha Dinitz was born in Israel in 1929. Graduated B.S. (Cum Laude) in Foreign Service from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and obtained an M.S. Degree in International Law as well. Since 1958 he has served in the Foreign Ministry in various capacities. Represented Israel in the United Nations between 1963-66. In 1966 he was Minister at the Embassy in Rome and in 1968 Minister in Washington. In 1969 he served as political advisor to former Prime Minister Golda Meir. Since 1973 serves his country with dignity in the United States.

The Religious Zionists of America is proud to have Ambassador Dinitz grace its platform.





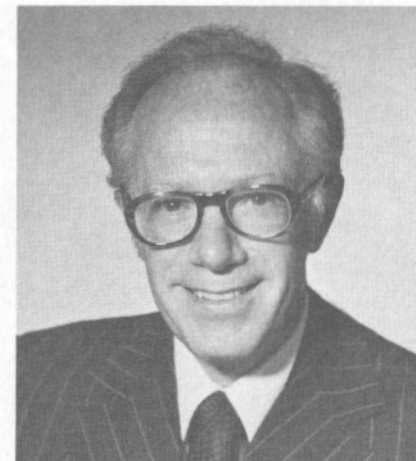
**Milton Hoffman**

Prominent industrialist with a high regard for a loyal and creative family life, reverence for his synagogue and concern for the welfare of a strong Jewry, here and in the State of Israel. He has dedicated his life to carrying out the wishes of his departed wife, Pearl: assistance to children, the aged, the local community and world Jewry.

The religious Zionists are delighted to pay him homage.



**Kenneth Peskin**  
**Dinner Co-Chairman**



**Bernard Paroly**  
**Dinner Chairman**

Mr. Bernard Paroly, Senior Vice President Pathmark Division of Supermarkets General Corporation, is a director of the New York State Food Merchants' Association and a trustee of the Retail Clerks Union Local 1500. He is a faculty member at Rutgers University, Farmingdale University Agricultural College, Kingsboro College, the Creative Problem Solving Institute of the Buffalo branch of the State University of New York and has been named Fellow for the Creative Education Foundation.

In addition to a full schedule of affairs in the food industry he is committed to education; he established a management consultant program for C. W. Post College in Long Island. He is a member of the B'nai Jeshurun Temple of Short Hills and is active in the United Jewish Appeal.

We are very gratified that he has consented to chair our dinner this year.

**HONORARY DINNER CHAIRMEN:**

**Herbert Brody**  
Vice-Chairman Board Supermarkets General Corp.

**David Karin**  
Waldbaum, Inc.

**Sidney Cohen**  
Vice President Foodarama Supermarkets



**Zal Venet**  
**Dinner Co-Chairman**

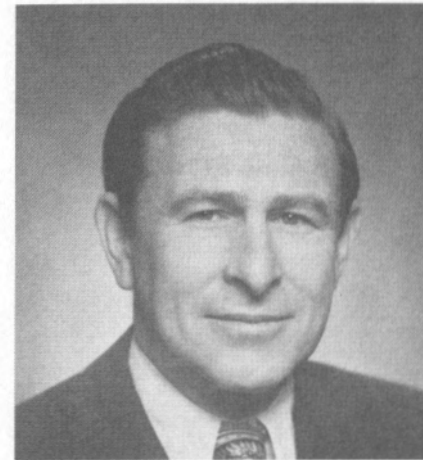


**Chief Rabbi Isaac Halevi Herzog  
in tribute to a spiritual giant in Israel**

CHIEF RABBI HERZOG was one of the most colorful personalities of the twentieth century. His was a simple and vivid faith in the G—d of our fathers and a great Jewish heart overflowing with genuine kindness to all men. His one supreme objective in life was to assure a central place for a Torah-true life within the Holy Land.

This multi-faceted saint and scholar of repute, who loved Israel with a burning zeal, was our captain and the recognized leader of this generation from the very beginning of his assumption to the high office thirty-three years ago.

To us especially, the first Chief Rabbi in independent Medinat Israel proved to be beyond doubt the new epitome of Mizrachi. He was the embodiment of our ideals and represented Religious Zionism at its best in his very inner being. He raised the prestige and dignity of our Religious Movement—Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi. There is no end to the lasting achievements of the late Rabbi Herzog and in the perennial legacy he left behind with all of us, in general, and, in particular, with the leaders in American Jewry who are the recipients this evening of the Chief Rabbi Herzog Gold Medal Torah Awards.



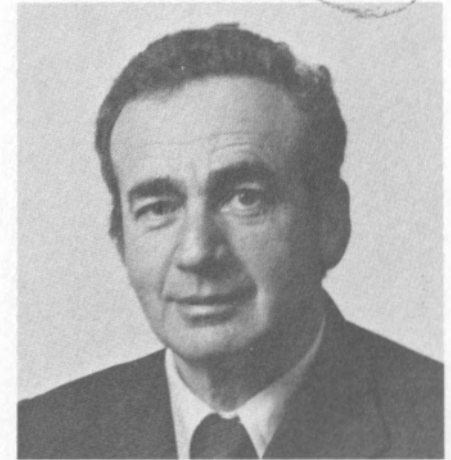
**Leonard Aconsky**

Mr. Leonard Aconsky was born in 1930, received his Bachelor in Chemical Engineering from City College of New York and his Masters in Engineering from Columbia University.

A professional engineer, licensed in New York and Connecticut he published numerous technical publications in the sugar and medical fields and patents related to Process Equipment. He is also technical advisor to Mexico and Israel companies in the sugar and fertilizer industries.

At present Mr. Aconsky is technical coordinator for Witco's Worldwide Chemical Activities and a builder of chemical plants throughout the world. He is very active in charitable and philanthropic organizations on behalf of Israel.

We are proud to count him amongst the supporters of Religious Zionists of America and delighted to honor him.



**Albert M. Alter**

Mr. Alter who is a member of the Energy Conservation Committee formed under the auspices of the National Association of Food Chains joined the Super Markets General Corp. in 1963 as a director of store planning, and made significant contributions in the design and construction of the company's Grocery Distribution Center. He serves as consultant to the company's other divisions in planning, design and construction of their distribution complexes.

Mr. Alter is a member of the New Jersey Users Council.

He is married and proud father of three children, a resident of Westfield, New Jersey and a member of Temple Emanuel. He received the Massada Award for his participation in the selling of Israel bonds.

The Religious Zionists of America takes great pleasure in paying homage to Mr. Alter.

Chief Rabbi Halevi Herzog Gold Medal Awardee 1975



**Mrs. Makhlof Amsellem**

The Queen of three sons and one daughter and three grandchildren. The wife of beloved husband Makhlof Amsellem, who passed away just a year ago. She is active with Sephardic Synagogue Rue Beffault in Paris and is involved in philanthropic and charitable activities on behalf of the Paris Jewish Community as well as Israeli institutions including Religious Zionists.

It is a delight and privilege for us to honor Mrs. Amsellem.



**Gerald Bissell**

Mr. Gerald Bissell graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a B.S. degree in 1960. Since 1968 he serves as director of the meat division of Supermarkets General Corp. He is very active in local and Israeli philanthropy, especially with the State of Israel bonds. He is married and father of two children. The Religious Zionists are pleased to bestow upon him honor.

Chief Rabbi Halevi Herzog Gold Medal Awardee 1975



**Hanoch Charat**

Prominent businessmen of Dallas, Texas. Active in the Synagogue "Sheerit Israel" as well as in United Jewish Appeal and the Bonds for Israel.

In memory of his perished relatives in AUSCHWITZ

Abraham son of Yehoshua Z"l

Batya daughter of Rabbi Tzevi Yehuda Z"l

Joseph son of Abraham Z"l

Miryam daughter of Reb Anshel

Tanchum Z"l

Haim son of Yeshayashu Z"l

deported from Paris in 1942



**Sanford Deutsch**

Sanford Deutsch is a communal leader on the West Coast and actively participating in Jewish local causes as well as in philanthropy of the State of Israel. Since 1968 President of the Shaarei Tefila Congregation of Los Angeles. He was instrumental in inaugurating a new building for Yeshiva University West.

Mr. Deutsch was very active in our organization, and Chairman of its annual dinners. He is now Western Regional Chairman of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, and Co-Chairman of the Board of Shaarei Tefila.

We are delighted to have the privilege of honoring him.



Chief Rabbi Halevi Herzog Gold Medal Awardee 1975



**Jerrold Fox**

Born in 1934 has been involved in the supermarket business in every phase of its operation for the past 25 years.

Married to Miriam and father of three. He joined Supermarkets General 13 years ago and has served in various capacities, including General Store Manager, District Manager, Regional Director, and presently functions as the Director of the Dairy-Deli-Appetizing Merchandising Department.

Mrs. Fox has been active in various philanthropic and charitable undertakings both for the local community and for Israel.

We are delighted to honor him.

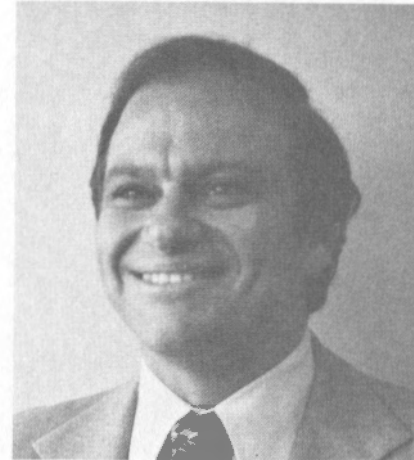


**Israel Friedman**

Israel Friedman joined the Merkaz Olami—World Central of Mizrahi Office in 1935. He served with distinction as personal secretary to Rabbi Meyer Bar-Ilan (1940-1949). During World War II he was director of the American Vad Hatzala for Bnei Yeshivot, the Israel Branch under the Chairmanship of the late Chief Rabbi Herzog. In 1947 he was elected secretary of the United Religious Block to the First Kneset in Israel. In June, 1948 he served as director of the Office of the First Minister of Religions Rabbi Juda L. Maymon and from 1950-1960—general secretary of Keren Eretz Israel Shel Hamizrachi. In 1960 he came to the United States as Director of the Israel Committee of RZA. Since 1973 he served as Executive Vice President of the RZA. He is a member of the American Zionist Federation and the Presidents Conference of Major Jewish Organizations. He is married and has two daughters and a son.

We are pleased to honor him for 40 years of dedicated service to Mizrahi Hapoel Hamizrachi and the cause of religious Zionism.

Chief Rabbi Halevi Herzog Gold Medal Awardee 1975

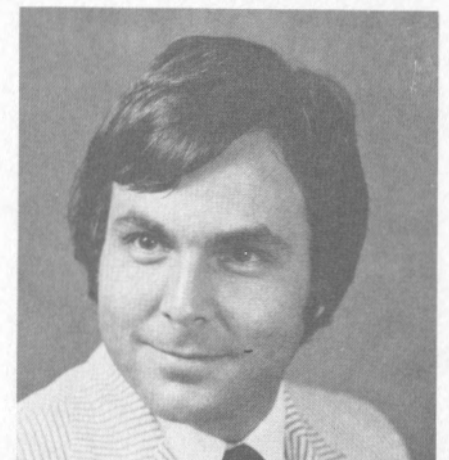


**Jack Futterman**

Mr. Futterman who is a registered pharmacist serves as Vice President of Pathmark Super Markets in charge of general merchandise and drug store divisions.

Mr. Futterman has been very active in educational and philanthropic endeavors on behalf of many organizations. He serves as member of the Board of Trustees, Brooklyn College of Pharmacy. He has been National Area Director of fund raising for the Hebrew University College of Pharmacy and as Chairman of the New York Drug and Cosmetics Industry Division—United Jewish Appeal.

His involvement in these efforts earned him great respect and admiration.



**Peter B. Madoff**

Mr. Peter B. Madoff is a graduate of Queens College, City University of New York, class of 1967. He attended the Fordham Law School and graduated in June 1970. He was admitted to the Bar of New York and is also a member of the Queens County Bar Association.

He is associated with the investment banking firm of Bernard L. Madoff since 1970. Mr. Madoff is married and father of two children has a remarkable record of communal involvement and philanthropy. He is President of the Board of Directors of the Muttontown Civic Association, the National Digestive Disease Foundation of the Long Island Jewish Hospital. His support of Israeli causes and Religious Zionists of America has earned him great respect and admiration.



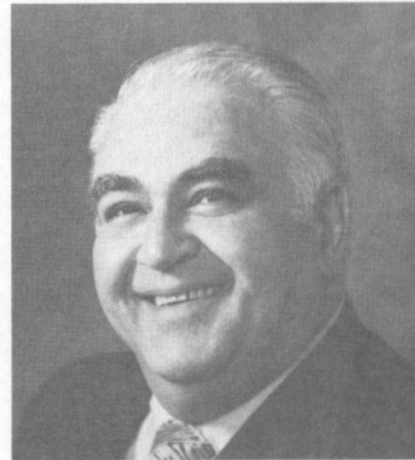


**Ephraim R. Mantz**

Ephraim Mantz received his B.S. at Temple University in 1936, and his M.S. at the University of Pennsylvania, 1945 as well as Doctorate in Programing in Educational Administration. He also studied mathematics education in Webster College and at the universities of Illinois and Maryland.

His working experience in the teaching profession includes prestigious positions from guidance counselor in high schools through supervisor division of mathematical education in Philadelphia public schools. He is a member of important professional organizations, the Phi Delta Kappa, the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics and the Association of Teachers of Mathematics (United Kingdom). He is also a member of the Lodge of B'nai B'rith. He is active in local organizations in Philadelphia as well as in our movement for many years and he serves as President of the Phila. Council of the Religious Zionists.

We, therefore, are extremely pleased to pay him respect and honor.



**Howard Miller**

Mr. Miller who was an honor graduate of New York University where he instructed physiology and comparative anatomy is a veteran of 26 years in the food industry all with Food Fair.

He was one of the founders of the New Jersey Food Council and was re-elected for several terms as its secretary.

Mr. Miller is active in a variety of charitable organizations such as Deborah Hospital, Tel Aviv University, Lubavitch Youth Organization and Temple Beth El, Elizabeth, N.J.

He is at present head grocery buyer for the Linden Region of Food Fair Stores Inc.

The Religious Zionists of America is pleased to count him among its supporters.



**Irving Nathan**

Mr. Irving Nathan was born in Chicago and educated in Northwestern University. He is a certified public accountant in the State of Illinois and served in the U. S. Airforce as a pilot during World War II. He was one of the founders, builders and promoters of Camp Moshava in Wild Rose, Wisconsin and served many years as its Chairman.

He is active in local religious education and in all facets of our organization in Chicago and served as its President, and his house was open for the fund raising parlor meetings on behalf of our movement for many years.

He is the proud father of one son, who has settled in Israel, and three daughters.

We are extremely delighted to pay him well deserved homage on this occasion.



**Benjamin A. Stratmore**

Benjamin A. Stratmore was educated at Columbia University, is very active in the field of education and philanthropy both in America and in Israel.

He is chairman of the board of Hillel Academy in Passaic, chairman of the Daniel Frish Yeshiva, chairman of Boys Club of Passaic, and he is president of the board of trustees of Tiferet Israel Congregation and a member of Ahavat Israel. He is holding an honorary degree of Yeshiva University and is a member of the Prime Minister Club of U.J.A., and national campaign cabinet for the Bonds of Israel. He received the Prime Minister and the Kneset award. He is mayor of Boys Town of Italy. As a life member of RZA and a staunch supporter of our cause, we are delighted to honor him.

**Our New Building**



**R.Z.A. Headquarters  
25 West 26th Street  
New York, N.Y.**

~~Handwritten~~ / Carolyn

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: PETER SORUM  
FROM: SUSAN PORTER  
SUBJECT: ACTION MEMO



Mrs. Ford has accepted the following out-of-town invitation:

EVENT: National Banquet  
GROUP: Religious Zionists of America  
DATE: Wednesday, September 3, 1975  
TIME: 6:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Waldorf Astoria Hotel  
New York City  
CONTACT: Mr. Milton Hoffman  
(212) 549-8300  
Dr. Maurice Sage, President  
(212) 689-1414  
COMMENTS: Mrs. Ford has accepted their invitation to be the honored guest at this banquet. During the evening, they will confer awards to outstanding leaders from around the country. One of the recipients will be the Ford's friend, Mr. Milton Hoffman.

NOTE: After arriving at the Waldorf, Mrs. Ford will meet briefly with Mrs. Pieter Grace of Long Island. Mrs. Ford will accept from Mrs. Grace a small present (a book) from Queen Fabiola of Belgium. Mrs. Grace is a dear friend of the Queen's and has been asked by her to deliver this small gift personally to



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Mrs. Ford. Mrs. Grace's secretary, Mrs. Thorton, has been notified of this and will be awaiting a phone call from you regarding the specifics of the meeting in New York. Mrs. Thorton's phone number is (212) 474-7688. Her summer phone number is (516) 627-6795. The file is attached.

Thank you.



c: BF Staff  
Red Cavaney  
Warren Rustand  
William Nicholson  
Jeanne Davis  
Marge Wicklein  
Rex Scouten  
Staircase

file

MRS. FORD'S RESPONSE TO MR. HOFFMAN'S PRESENTATION OF TREES  
RELIGIOUS ZIONISTS OF AMERICA BANQUET, SEPTEMBER 3, 1975

MILTON -- THANK YOU SO MUCH. I AM REALLY HONORED BY  
EVERYONE'S GENEROSITY.




I AM ESPECIALLY DELIGHTED THAT YOU ASKED ME TO SHARE  
THIS EVENING WITH YOU AND AM ESPECIALLY HAPPY KNOWING THAT  
WE ARE ONE STEP CLOSER TO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

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AS YOU KNOW, THE PRESIDENT PERSONALLY CALLED  
PRIME MINISTER RABIN TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE SUCCESSFUL  
CONCLUSION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND TO ASSURE HIM THAT THE  
CLOSE RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES  
WILL CONTINUE.

THE PRESIDENT IS DEEPLY GRATIFIED THAT THIS NEW  
AGREEMENT HAS TAKEN PLACE. IT IS HIS DEEPEST HOPE THAT  
IT WILL LEAD TO A FINAL, JUST, AND DURABLE SETTLEMENT  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND BE OF LASTING BENEFIT TO THE  
WORLD AS A WHOLE.



BEFORE I SAY GOODNIGHT, I WANT TO EXTEND OUR  
FAMILY'S VERY BEST WISHES AS YOU APPROACH THE HIGH  
HOLY DAYS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.