



The AZM Honors Karen Rubinstein
on 40 Years of Service

Celebratory Dinner
Sunday March 5, 2017

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KAREN RUBINSTEIN

An Amazing Champion and Executive Director of the
American Zionist Movement

It has been my pleasure to have been associated with you over the past 25 years.
You have brought so much to our organization.

I will always be grateful for all your support and guidance
during my years as President.

Sue and I want to thank you for the friendship that you have given us.

We wish you the best on your retirement.

Sue and Jim Schiller

In Recognition of the Past Leadership of the
American Zionist Movement
Thank you!

In Honor of the Incoming Leadership
May You Enjoy The Greatest of Success...

*B'Hatzlacha,
Karen Rubinstein*



Thank you, Karen, for your devotion and support to the Jewish people and Israel and your strong leadership and dedication to the AZM.

TODAH RABAH, MAZEL TOV AND YASHER KOCHACH!



EACH OF OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS REFLECTS THE ETERNAL POWER OF THE ZIONIST DREAM: KAREN, YOU WILL ALWAYS SHINE AMONG ITS BRIGHTEST REFLECTIONS. THANK YOU.

With appreciation from ARZA's Officers, Board of Trustees, and Staff
Rabbi John Rosove, Chairperson Rabbi Josh Weinberg, President

Karen,

No small space can adequately express our appreciation, gratitude and, frankly, awe for all you have done leading the Zionist Movement in the US in all its iterations, variations, adaptations.

Thank you for leading, inspiring, motivating, learning, negotiating; but mostly for caring.

Susan and Bill Hess

"A TIME OF THOUGHT AND MEMORIES"

My days, weeks and years with Karen were always a journey full of joy, surprises and anxiety in advancing American Zionism.

AZM and the Jewish people have been blessed to have had the many years of Karen's leadership and friendship.

Karen, G-d bless you and keep you healthy and happy

"Ad Me'ah V'Esrim"

Mel Salberg

In appreciation to

KAREN RUBINSTEIN

for her dedicated service to the

American Zionist Movement.

Phyllis and Richard Heideman

With profound gratitude and appreciation to
Karen Rubinstein
who has served the AZM, Zionism and Israel
with dedicated efforts and tremendous success
over the last four decades!

Harvey and Judy Blitz

THE BNAI ZION FOUNDATION

PROUD MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN ZIONIST MOVEMENT
SALUTE

KAREN RUBINSTEIN

FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE AZM
AND THE JEWISH COMMUNITY.

YOU WILL BE MISSED!

George W. Schaeffer, Chairman

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HADASSAH THANKS

Rosen Rubinstein

for her 40+ years of dedicated service to the Zionist ideal. We wish her all the best on her well-deserved retirement.

B'Shalom,

ELLEN HERSHKIN NATIONAL PRESIDENT

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MAZAL TOV

Congratulations to Karen Rubinstein on a career filled with commitment, determination, and passion. May you go from strength to strength.

We are proud of our partnership with the American Zionist Movement (AZM) and wish you great success going forward.

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In honor of Karen J Rubinstein
and her over 39 years of dedicated leadership of
the American Zionism Movement

We will miss you
and

Rabbi Vernon H Kurtz, MERCAZ USA past president
on the completion of his term as AZM President

Kol Hakavod

Dr. Marilyn L Wind, President

Sarrae G Crane, Executive Director



IN TRIBUTE TO
KAREN RUBINSTEIN
FOR HER FRIENDSHIP, COMMITMENT AND
MANY YEARS OF INSPIRING AND DEDICATED
ZIONIST LEADERSHIP

*Martin Oliner, Rabbi Leonard Matanky, Dr. Ernest Agatstein
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Best wishes to my friend and colleague

KAREN RUBINSTEIN

It has been a pleasure to work with you

May you go from strength to strength

Vernon Kurtz

Dear Karen,
Congratulations for those many years of dedicated service!



On to new adventures!

Barbara Rubinstein

Congratulations Karen on your retirement!

Thank you for entrusting your telecommunication services to Steadfast.
It has been a pleasure working with you over the years.

We wish you a wonderful retirement and
continued success in your future endeavors.

Rafi Abada and The Steadfast Telecom Team



With admiration and appreciation for
KAREN RUBINSTEIN
and all she has accomplished for the
American Zionist Movement.

Barbara and Philip Meltzer

To an amazing woman
whose knowledge about Israel,
WZO and all of the past and present
leaders of the AZM is extraordinary!

Thank you for your leadership and friendship

Marlene Post

With gratitude to Karen Rubinstein
for her 40 years of dedicated service to the AZM.

Wishing you happiness and success
with all your future endeavors.

Thank you to the outgoing leadership
for your efforts and accomplishments.

Mazal Tov and hatzlacha
to the incoming leadership and administration.

Reva and Marty Oliner

IN HONOR OF
KAREN RUBINSTEIN



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ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE
and
TRULY BELOVED FRIEND

May we share many Zionist and bird experiences in the years ahead

Sondra and Myron Sokal

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To Karen,

With gratitude and admiration for four decades of exemplary leadership. Thank you for your commitment to the Zionist Cause and for encouraging and inspiring unity among a group of diverse but dedicated voices for Israel. You will be missed.

Sandy & Ken Tankoos

Joyce Rudnick

I thank Karen for her years of dedicated service to Zionism and the Jewish community.

She has brought a high level of professionalism to her position, has done a phenomenal job dealing with difficult issues and people in a respectful calm manner. I wish her well in her retirement. I have enjoyed working with her and learned much from her. She will be missed.

Marilyn Wind

President, MERCAZ USA

*North Suburban
Synagogue*

Beth El

בית כנסת בית אל

Honoring Rabbi Vernon Kurtz as he leaves the AZM Presidency

Shimon HaTzadik (one of the last survivors of the Great Assembly) used to say,

חֲסִדִּים גְּמִילוֹת וְעַל הָעֲבוּדָה וְעַל הַתּוֹרָה עַל , עוֹמַד הָעוֹלָם דְּבָרִים שְׁלוֹשָׁה עַל

"On three things the world stands - Torah, Work and acts of lovingkindness". (Pirkei Avot)

On behalf of Rabbi Michael Schwab, Hazzan Benjamin Tisser and the entire North Suburban Synagogue Beth El staff and congregation, Yasher Koach to our mentor, our advisor, our teacher, Rabbi Vernon Kurtz for your love of Torah, your acts of loving kindness and your work and leadership at AZM. Your commitment to Zionism and Israel through the AZM provides a pathway for all of us to emulate.

Today Rabah.



B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL

SALUTES

KAREN RUBINSTEIN

FOR 36 YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO
AZM, ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

THANK YOU, AZM, FOR YOUR TIRELESS
WORK ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL!

Gary P. Saltzman
PRESIDENT

Daniel S. Mariaschin
CEO

Ameinu celebrates *Karen Rubenstein*
and her decades of dedicated service to Israel,
the Zionist movement and the Jewish people.
Mazal Tov Karen. You will be missed.

Ameinu also thanks *Rabbi Vernon Kurtz* and the
outgoing Board for fantastic leadership of AZM.



AMIT Children Congratulates & Honors Karen J. Rubinstein

For her many years of devoted service and dedication.
May you continue to go from strength to strength!

Debbie Moed
President

Andrew Goldsmith
Executive Vice President



Thank you to Karen Rubinstein
for your commitment and contribution
to the Zionist world.

You will be missed!

*In friendship,
Kenneth Bob*

Congratulations to
Rabbi Vernon Kurtz
and
Karen Rubinstein
for the contributions to
American Zionist Movement.

Cheryl and Ted Banks



HERUT NORTH AMERICA

SALUTES AND THANKS

KAREN RUBINSTEIN

FOR HER DEDICATION AND CONTRIBUTION TO ZIONISM,
THE AZM AND ISRAEL.

*"The concept of a soul woven from strings of steel and
strings of silk; this concept I call woman."*

- Ze'ev Jabotinsky

Karen,

**Thank you for all your
hard work and devotion
to the AZM and Israel.**

NA'AMAT USA

Chellie Goldwater Wilensky, President



In Honor of

Rabbi Vernon Kurtz

With deep respect and in friendship

Be well my friend,

Richard Bernstein

CONGRATULATIONS

KAREN

**AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY RETIREMENT—
MAY YOU ENJOY EVERY MOMENT! WE WILL MISS YOU.**

Since 2005, we've had the privilege of collaborating with Karen and AZM. It was always a positive experience yielding great results. Together we created marketing and design communications large and small, including: branding and launching two national WZO election campaigns, displays, websites, ads, banners, emails, and the AZM logotype.

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In honor of Karen
for her outstanding and devoted leadership of
American Zionist Movement.

Best wishes on your next adventure!

Ruth and Leonard Cole

Mazel tov and best wishes to Karen Rubenstein
on this special celebration of her distinguished career.
She has helped make Zionism a central part of the lives of the
American Jewish community and her contributions to the
American Zionist Movement set an example for all of us.
May we long draw inspiration from her many years of
devoted service and continue to call her our friend.

Betty Ehrenberg
WJC, North America

For Karen
The Consummate
Professional

Evelyn and Ike Blachor

**Thank you Karen
for your dedication and
commitment to AZM
and to the
Helyn B. Reich Scholarship Fund.**

**We wish you all the best
as you start the next chapter
of your life.**

*Audrey, Keith, Jeremy and
Hannah Reich*

Congratulations, Karen!

It has been an absolute pleasure working with you professionally and personally. AZM has been lucky to have you all these years. Reflecting on what we have accomplished together is gratifying; whether it was working on the Reich Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Or L'dor next generation program, AZM's retirement benefits plan, or more recently launching the Technion sponsored Robotics program at Schechter Westchester. I admire you and thank you for your unwavering leadership, dedication and tireless hard work for AZM and the Jewish kehilah.

Wishing you a wonderful and secure retirement.

*B'hatzlacha,
Sam*

Sam Gurvitch Financial Advisor Waddell & Reed 212-589-1022 sgurvitch@wradvisors.com

EVERYTHING IN PRINT.

Karen J. Rubenstein

We applaud you for 40 years
of service and achievement at
American Zionist Movement.

Congratulations and best wishes
on your retirement from all of us at

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Dear Karen,
Very best wishes.

Seymour Lipton

To Karen Rubinstein,
We are celebrating your amazing career tonight.
Thank you for your endless
dedication, professionalism, and
commitment to American Zionism.

*Yours in partnership,
Partners for Progressive Israel*



The National Coalition Supporting Eurasian Jewry
congratulates Karen Rubenstein
on her 40 years of commitment and
dedication to Israel and the Jewish people.

To Karen:

She's the best!

AZM and the Jewish community
will miss her devotion, ability and leadership.

Seymour D. Reich

I enjoyed my years in Mercaz
working with Karen.
She was an inspirational leader.

Also best wishes to Rabbi Kurtz
on the completion of his term.

James Schlesinger

Thank you Karen for your steadfast
commitment to and tireless efforts on behalf
of the AZM, Israel and the Jewish people.

We wish you happiness and fulfillment in the
next stage of your life.

Judy Shereck and Shelley Sherman

Karen,
Thank you for letting us help
AZM make moves!



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Kol Hakavod to Karen

**Your dedication and hard work for the AZM
has truly made the organization flourish.**

It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Francine Stein

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In recognition of Karen Rubenstein for her devotion and dedication to the American Zionist Movement for 39 years. Behatzlacha!

Bnei Akiva of the U.S. and Canada

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Mazal Tov to Karen Rubinstein for her dedication to AZM.

We wish her hatzlacha in her next chapter.

Your Friends at EMUNAH of America

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Karen, our sincerest thanks for all your years of dedicated work and friendship. Behatzlacha!

*Yasaf Warshai, Sara Zebovitz,
and the entire Habonim Dror North America community*

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On behalf of Women's League for Conservative Judaism
we would like to thank both Karen Rubinstein and Rabbi Kurtz
for their many years of service to AZM.

You have both made a difference in our Jewish world.

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Todah Rabah,

The Board, Staff and members of WLCJ

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The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism recognizes

Karen Rubinstein for her years of leadership
and Rabbi Vernon Kurtz for his service.

Congratulations to the incoming board.

Margo Gold, President and Rabbi Steven Wernick, Chief Executive Officer

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Congratulations & thank you for your decades of dedication,
kindness and hard work, Karen!

Love, Your friends at ZOA (Zionist Organization of America)

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Mazal tov Karen! An honor and delight to have worked with
and learned from you over the past few years.

Abe Gafni

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Best wishes in the next phase of your life, and l'Hitraot baAretz.

Congratulations Karen on a job superbly well done.

I look forward to your next adventures.

Eileen Sullivan

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Karen,

You were my colleague, my guide and most of all my friend.
You were the heart and soul of the American Zionist Movement.

Enjoy your retirement!

Marty Adelman

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Karen,

Toda rabbah for your many years of service to AZM and the Jewish
community. Mazal Tov on this well-deserved honor and
culmination of a truly incredible and inspiring career.

Best of Luck and Warmest Wishes always.

Susie Baumohl

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In honor of Karen J Rubinstein,
my former boss, current colleague and friend
Wishing you a joyful retirement.

Sarrae G Crane

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Thank you Karen for all your effort.
It has been a pleasure working with you. I wish you good health,
happiness, and all the best in your retirement.

Mitch Gosset, Gosset Group Planning.

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To Karen - for all you do.

Cal & Sonia Greenbaum

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Dear Karen,

Mazal tov on you forthcoming retirement.

We've had many wonderful experiences during our 25 years working together for AZM. You've been a great mentor and a special friend.

All the best in the future,

Linda Harth

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Kol Hakavod to Karen Rubinstein Rabbi Vernon Kurtz
and the AZM Leadership stalwarts of the Zionist Movement

Debbie Isaac

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With deepest appreciation
for your hard and effective work and generosity.

Barbara Rascoff

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Yasher Koach to Karen and Vernon for all you've done
for Zionism and all of Klal Israel.

Janet & Irwin Tobin

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Karen, Kol Ha Kavod on your outstanding service for
American Zionism! May you go from Strength to Strength!

Eric & Fern Weis

THANK YOU, KAREN!

David Black
Harold Cohen
Robert Golub
Jan Gurvitch
Michael Meyerstein
Benton Mirman
David Newman

Alicia Post
Barbara and John Rosenau
Evelyn Seelig
Alan Silberman
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"הציונות היא אידיאל אינסופי"

יו"ר ההנהלה הציונית
Chairman of the Executive



ההסתדרות הציונית העולמית
World Zionist Organization

To my brothers and sisters in the Zionist movement in North America,

It is, indeed, with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank Karen for her many years of service as the Executive Director of AZM, the American Zionist Movement in North America.

As we look back over Karen's distinguished professional career, we can appreciate the immense dedication with which she has served at AZM - a role she assumed and has fulfilled out of a sense of total identification with the organization's ideas, goals and direction.

In the course of her work at AZM, the organization engaged with complex issues concerning the renewal and positioning of the Zionist movement in general and AZM, in particular, within the Jewish community, together with the need to adapt its activities to changing times and cultures, as well as for a new generation.

Karen confronted and met all these challenges successfully and assiduously - limited budget and human resources, notwithstanding.

On behalf of the World Zionist Organization, I would like to express our sincere thanks to Karen, and to wish her continued success, happiness and good health in the future.

It is my hope that Karen's replacement will preserve her stamp on the organization and follow her lead in developing and expanding the Zionist movement in all its glory.

Yours

Avraham Duvdevani

Chairman, World Zionist Organization



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ההסתדרות הציונית העולמית
World Zionist Organization

לשכת סגן ומ"מ היו"ר | Office of the Vice Chairman

It is with great honor that I say goodbye to Karen Rubinstein on her departure from the AZM. I applaud you for your many years of service and achievement. Be proud of all that you have done for the Zionist movement and the Jewish people. Your dedication and commitment has been unprecedented.

To Rabbi Vernon Kurtz, farewell, and many thanks for all that you have accomplished. Your devotion and support throughout the years has been truly appreciated.

I wish the both of you much success in your future endeavors.

My best wishes to Richard Heideman on his new appointment. I look forward to working together with the American Zionist Movement for the betterment of the Jewish people and Israel.

May we go from strength to strength.

Sincerely,

Yaakov Hagoel

Vice Chairman, WZO

27 February 2017
1 Adar 5777

Dear Karen ,

It is my honor to congratulate you on behalf of the Zionist movement for your many years of activity in AZM and, in particular, for her outstanding service as Executive Director of the American Zionist Movement.

Through your wisdom, your Zionist spirit and your many leadership qualities – your sensitivity to others, along with the excellent relationship she developed with the World Zionist Organization and all those with whom you have worked, as well as your ability to move processes forward – you have been instrumental in shaping the development of the Zionist movement in the United States and promoting the goals of the Jewish people throughout the American Jewish community.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success on your retirement, and hope that you will enjoy good health and enjoyable activity in the years to come.

Warm regards ,

Helena Glaser,
Chair, Zionist General Council



February 28, 2017 / 2 Adar 5777

Dear Karen,

I was so much looking forward to being at the AZM Biennial and having the opportunity to thank you in person both for your incredible stewardship of the organization over so many years, as well as for the wonderful personal and collaborative relationship that has developed between us during the last decade and a half.

Throughout your career you have been an exemplar of the ideals and values of the Zionist movement and your commitment, your devotion, and your leadership have served as an inspiration and an example to so many. In short, It is hard to imagine the AZM in particular, and the overall landscape of the Zionist movement in America without you. I want to thank you for all of this, both on a personal level, and as Vice Chairman of the World Zionist Organization.

I have no doubt that even after leaving your position you will stay very much connected to the cause we both hold dearly. I am confident that our paths will continue to cross, and I very much look forward to that. May you go from strength to strength.

With wishes for a wonderfully busy, meaningful, restful and fulfilling retirement,

David

Dr. David Breakstone

Jerusalem, Adar 5777

March 2, 2017

Ms. Karen J. Rubinstein
American Zionist Movement

נתן שרנסקי
יו"ר ההנהלה

Natan Sharansky
Chairman of the
Executive

Dear Karen,

It is a pleasure to wish you a mazal tov on your retirement.
You have spent a lifetime in the service of Am Yisrael and Medinat Yisrael.

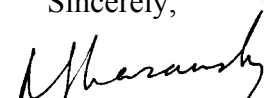
Your commitment to the Zionist ideal has been unwavering and you have been dedicated to ensuring a strong future for the Zionist cause.
Your years as the executive director of the American Zionist Movement have strengthened the communication and activism amongst the participating organizations.

There have been excellent programs under your auspices in collaboration with World Zionist Organization.

You have helped to create strong bonds between the American Zionist Movement and their partners here in Israel. You have served as a role model for all executive directors and it must be gratifying to think of all that you have accomplished.

I know that you will continue to be an advocate for the Zionist cause. I wish you happiness and continued success in your future.

Sincerely,


Natan Sharansky



המועצה ללשון ולתרבות העברית בצפון אמריקה
THE COUNCIL FOR HEBREW LANGUAGE
AND CULTURE IN NORTH AMERICA

ה' אדר תשע"ז
March 5, 2017

Dear Karen,

On behalf of the leadership of the Council for Hebrew Language and Culture in North America, we want to congratulate you on reaching this moment in your career, recognize the tremendous impact you have had on the Zionist mission in America, and acknowledge the very special role you played in helping get the Hebrew Council off of the ground. Your commitment to our shared mission, your professional expertise and diligence, and your willingness to serve as one of the volunteer professionals have allowed us to go from an important idea to an actual organization. Your thoughtfulness, gentle guidance and kindness have all impacted our success and we cannot imagine getting to this point without your involvement. We must also acknowledge the very real and generous tangible support and assistance that was provided by the American Zionist Movement to the Hebrew Council and the specific role you played in making this happen.

We know that you will be leaving a tremendous hole both at the AZM; however, your legacy will be the close partnership that has developed between our two organizations and one that we will build on as we move forward into the future. We hope that you will continue to remain involved in the Hebrew Council, whether through ongoing volunteer leadership or by your support of our efforts to raise the profile of Hebrew in the broader community. We will cherish our relationship and look forward to seeing where your journey takes you next.

Mazal tov on an extraordinary career at the AZM and in the sacred work that you have done for so long.

L'Shalom,

Dr. Esther Serok, President

Rabbi Andrew Ergas, Chair



Congratulations, Karen!

Ariana Heideman Tipograph, Starburst Communications

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