

Proposal for the Award of Sustainable Justice Prizes

The most perilous threat to our country comes from within. It is centered in the lack of justice at its very core; thus, there is an urgent need to maintain the momentum of social justice, perhaps affected best in the educational, cultural and business arena, with innovative and practical core studies in entrepreneurship and business ethics, while:

Reducing drastically the heavy cost of corruption to the economy and to society

Maintaining a free market economy, without monopolies, cartels and pyramids

Keeping a minimal but effective regulation, with strong enforcement capability

Restoring the core values of social, economic and environmental justice

Establishing the middle class at one-half of the population

Bringing down the poverty rate to single digit

Keeping democratic values with equal rights and opportunities to all

Maintaining a balanced budget and low indebtedness

Achieving adequate transparency in the administration and the business community

Reducing substantially the ties of government and business.

We aim to position our country within ten years, among the ten most prosperous, just and ethical countries in the world, with the best quality of life and environment.

To stimulate this thinking and to recognize the exemplary efforts of those who have been impactful in the vanguard of building and enhancing sustainable justice in our country, we have been developing an Awards Program of Sustainable Justice Prizes.

We envision an annual prize of U.S.\$200,000 in each of seven award categories, amounting to U.S.\$1.4 million, an amount equal to one Nobel Prize. Funding for the program is sought from international, ethically-oriented organizations and foundations, corporations and individuals.

The Prize Committee consists of well-known, ethical experts in the award fields of: Social Justice, Economic Justice, Governmental Justice, Environmental Justice, Media Justice, Educational Justice and Cultural Justice.

The following seven categories of the prizes are:

- 1. Social Justice Prize, for social activism, enhancing society's cohesion, assistance to the needy, and improving the medical services.**
- 2. Economic Justice Prize, for reducing income inequality gaps, for business ethics, improving corporate governance, and transparency in reports.**
- 3. Governmental Justice, for eliminating corruption, reducing drastically government and business ties, for equal justice to all, and enforcing personal security.**

4. **Environmental Justice Prize, for improving or preserving the environment, enhancing clean energy projects, and diminishing pollution.**
5. **Media Justice, for exposing despoliation, denouncing injustice, media exposure for the lesser privileged members of our society, while keeping freedom of the press.**
6. **Educational Justice, from the kindergarten to doctoral studies on all the principles of justice, with the core objective of rooting out processes of spoliation.**
7. **Cultural Justice, for creative activities in the different components of justice in films, plays, novels and academic research.**

The following persons (see Wikipedia) agreed to participate in the Prize Committee:

1. **Professor Dan Shechtman, is a Nobel Laureate 2011 in Chemistry, Professor at the Technion, Israel, and Iowa State University, active in education and entrepreneurship.**
2. **Joshua Sobol, is a well known playwright, writer and director at theaters in Israel and abroad, with an international fame. Author of The Ghetto triptych, Alma, Village, etc.**
3. **Professor Yehuda Kahane, is head of the Institute of Business & the Environment, Tel Aviv University, & recipient of the Bickley Founder's Award, gold medal for excellence.**
4. **Guy Rolnik, is the founder & editor-in-chief since its inception of TheMarker, Israel's leading business daily newspaper, and the deputy publisher of the Haaretz Group.**
5. **Dr. Ishak Saporta, is a senior lecturer at Tel Aviv University, a prominent social activist, member of Adva Center's board, co-founder of Hakeshet Hademokratit, Israel.**
6. **Arieh Avneri, is chairman of Ometz, organization for social and governmental justice, author of books on Governmental corruption & a well-known journalist. (Wiki Hebrew)**
7. **Dr. Jacques Cory, is an international businessman, a pioneering author of books & articles on business ethics, a lecturer at universities in Israel & abroad. (Cory's website)**
8. **We intend to include a former Justice of the Supreme Court of Israel.**

The project is backed by Ometz, a leading organization for social and governmental justice, & organized by Dr. Jacques Cory. Please address enquiries to Dr. Jacques Cory:

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