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**Renée and Joseph Zuritsky to be Honored at NMAJH's
Only in America Gala
Hosted at the National Museum of American Jewish History
on October 29, 2018**

Philadelphia, PA – The National Museum of American Jewish History is pleased to announce that **Renée and Joseph Zuritsky** will be honored at the Museum's *Only in America* Gala on **Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6pm**, to be held at the **National Museum of American Jewish History** (NMAJH), located on Historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia.

One of the premier social and philanthropic events on the Philadelphia calendar, NMAJH's *Only in America Gala* will celebrate the Zuritskys' commitment to the Museum and honor their service to the city's business, cultural, and philanthropic community. The Gala will also celebrate the ongoing work of the Museum dedicated to exploring the American Jewish experience – how an immigrant community and religious minority shapes and is shaped by America.

"Our Museum and, in fact, the city of Philadelphia is blessed to have the Zuritskys as part of the civic and cultural fabric. We are grateful that they are allowing us to honor them and look forward to a celebration worthy of this great couple," said **Ivy Barsky, CEO and Gwen Goodman Director**.

Honorees

Renée and Joseph Zuritsky

NMAJH trustee Joseph Zuritsky is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of **Parkway Corporation**. Zuritsky has served as a NMAJH trustee since 1993, and played a central role in securing the Museum's current location on the corner of 5th and Market Streets. The Zuritsky family is among the leading supporters of NMAJH, playing an integral role in the creation of this national institution, the only

museum in the country devoted to telling the story of the American Jewish experience. In recognition of their many generous donations, the final artifact gallery on the second floor of the Museum, *Recent Trends in American Jewish Life*, is named in their honor, along with the Winograd family. This gallery examines the amalgamation of Jewish culture and popular American culture post-1980s.

The Zuritskys' philanthropy and influence extend outside of the NMAJH community. They recently donated koi to the **Shofuso Japanese House and Garden** in Fairmount Park. As part of the ongoing donation, Zuritsky will keep the pond stocked with koi from his breeding farm in Carneys Point, New Jersey. He has donated the farm to **Rowan University**, which will use it for aquaponic research. Joseph Zuritsky also serves on the Board of Directors of the **African American Museum in Philadelphia**.

Parkway Corporation is a Philadelphia-based, family-owned and operated company that has embraced the American Dream since 1930. Throughout more than three generations of leadership, Parkway has acquired, developed, managed, sold, and leased many forms of commercial Real Estate properties with a specialty in parking facilities across the United States and Canada. Zuritsky is largely responsible for the extraordinary growth realized by Parkway over the last forty years. The son of company founders Herman and Lee Zuritsky, Joe Zuritsky, a first generation American on his father's side, was literally born into the parking industry. Zuritsky received his B.S. in Business Administration and his Juris Doctorate from Temple University.



The couple's children, Robert Zuritsky, Anna Boni, and Elisa Zuritsky, serve as honorary gala co-chairs, along with their spouses Caroline Zuritsky, Michael Boni, and Jordan Barowitz, respectively.

Co-Chairs

Carrie and Matthew Pestronk

Newly appointed NMAJH Board of Trustee member Matthew Pestronk is the co-founder and President of Post Brothers, a real estate investment, development and management company with singular and unique expertise in urban real estate development. Pestronk currently serves on the Executive Committee of the Jewish Federation Real Estate group. He also serves as Vice Chair of the Philadelphia Holocaust Remembrance Foundation and made a significant gift to their campaign. Matthew lives in Philadelphia with his wife, Carrie, and their two children.

Meredith and Daniel Slawe

Meredith C. Slawe serves on the Board of Trustees at NMAJH and is a Partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. Slawe defends companies in consumer class actions and commercial cases in federal and state courts and arbitration proceedings across the country. She earned her A.B. from Dartmouth College and Juris Doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania Law School. In addition to her legal practice and commitment to NMAJH, Slawe serves on the Corporate Executive Board of the Philadelphia Museum of Art; the Alumni Board of Managers of the University of Pennsylvania Law School; and the Litigation Innovation Board of Bloomberg Law. Daniel Slawe is a Senior Corporate Counsel at SAP and is

a graduate of the Friends Central School, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The *Only in America* Gala will take place on Monday, October 29 at 6pm at The National Museum of American Jewish History.

For more information, visit [NMAJH.org/gala](https://nmajh.org/gala).

If you are interested in covering the event, please email mediarelations@nmajh.org.

Previous galas have celebrated Museum milestones and special exhibitions, including *Leonard Bernstein: The Power of Music*, in honor of Bernstein's centennial celebrations, and *Chasing Dreams: Baseball and Becoming American*. Last year's Philadelphia gala honored Former Vice President **Joe Biden** and featured performances by Broadway legend **Idina Menzel**.

About the National Museum of American Jewish History

The National Museum of American Jewish History, located on historic Independence Mall in Philadelphia, brings to life the more than 360-year history of Jews in America. Tracing the stories of how Jewish immigrants became Jewish Americans, the Museum invites visitors of all backgrounds to share their own stories and reflect on how their histories and identities shape and are shaped by the American experience. An open door for all, NMAJH honors the past and contributes to a better future by sharing the power of imagination and ideas, culture and community, leadership and service, in ways that turn inspiration into action.

The National Museum of American Jewish History is located at 101 South Independence Mall East at the corner of Fifth and Market Streets in Philadelphia. Museum hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday 10:00 am - 5:30 pm. Museum admission is \$15.00 for adults, \$13.00 for senior citizens and youth, free for children 12 and under, Museum Members, and active military with ID; reduced prices available if purchased online. The Museum offers free admission in February. Connect with the Museum on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/nmajh), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/nmajh), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/nmajh), and [Pinterest](https://www.pinterest.com/nmajh). For more information, visit [NMAJH.org](https://nmajh.org) or call 215.923.3811.

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