

# NORTH TEXAS BUSINESS AWARDS DINNER 2010



The Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce invites you to a celebration of North Texas Business Development & Successful Collaboration between Texas & Israel

Honoring

Raanan Horowitz, President & CEO, Elbit Systems of America

Dr. David E. Daniel, President, The University of Texas at Dallas

Stan Levenson, Co-Founder, The Levenson Group of Companies

Westin Park Central Hotel, 12720 Merit Drive Dallas, TX 75251 Thursday, April 15, 2010

# **Program for TICoC Annual North Texas Awards**

Reception - Cash Bar

VIP Reception with Honorees & Sponsors

Dinner Announcement

Martin Golman, Board Member TICoC, Waldman Brothers - Welcome

Jeffrey A. Chapman, Chairman, TICoC Partner, Vinson & Elkins LLP

## Dinner is served

**Formal program commences** - (Emceed by Martin Golman)

Sheldon Stein – Honorary Event Chairman, Vice-Chairman-Head Southwest Investment Banking for Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Mayor Tom Leppert

TICoC Volunteer of the Year Award

Elad Tshuva – Vice Chairman, Delek Group

TICoC Outstanding Dedication Award

Stan Levenson – Co-Founder Levenson Group of Companies

Dr. David Daniel - President, The University of Texas at Dallas

Raanan Horowitz - President & CEO, Elbit Systems of America

Jeffrey Chapman - Coffee/Dessert - Thank You!





RAANAN I. HOROWITZ President and Chief Executive Officer Member, Board of Directors

Raanan Horowitz is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Elbit ystems of America, LLC, a leading provider of high performance products and systems solutions for the defense, homeland security, commercial viation, and medical instrumentation markets. Mr. Horowitz was named as President and CEO in 2007 after serving as Executive Vice President and General Manager of EFW, Inc. In his current role, he leads the strategic and operational direction of the Fort Worth headquartered company. Mr. Horowitz also serves as a member of the Elbit Systems of America Board of Directors.

During his tenure with the company, he has been instrumental in driving the company's organic growth and strategic acquisitions, resulting in its volution to providing mission critical systems to many major defense platforms. The company now operates in five major geographical locations in the U.S., including Texas, New Hampshire, Virginia, Alabama and Florida and is involved in development, manufacturing and sustainment of innovative solutions for critical mission and needs.

Mr. Horowitz is active in the defense and aerospace industry through his service in the U.S. Army Science Board. He serves on the Board of Governors of the Aerospace Industry Association and is a member of the Business Executives for National Security (BENS). Mr. Horowitz is also a member of the National Board of Directors for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He received an MBA from the Seidman School of Business at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan and was also awarded a Master of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tel-Aviv University in Israel.



#### DR. DAVID E. DANIEL

President of The University of Texas at Dallas.

David E. Daniel is the fourth president of The University of Texas at Dallas. He received his Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. degrees in engineering from UT at Austin, and was on the faculty 1980 to 1996. In 1996, he moved to the University of Illinois and finished his service there as Dean of Engineering. He became UT Dallas' president in 2005.

During his presidency, UT Dallas has:

- Doubled its research expenditures
- Initiated \$300 million in construction
- · Added 20 new degree programs
- Raised \$125 million in private funds
- Won two national championships in chess.
- Hired exceptional faculty members
- Attracted top students

He has advocated widely for UT Dallas to become one of the nation's top-tier research universities. The approach that he suggested for creating more top-tier research universities in Texas led to a successful legislative initiative that pumped \$500 million of state funds into this effort, and led

to his being named a Finalist for Texan of the Year by *The Dallas Morning News* in December 2009. Dr. Daniel also holds the Norman Medal and the Croes Medal from the American Society of Civil ngineers; the 2007 Presidents Award; and the 2010 OPAL (Outstanding Projects and Leaders) Award for Education.

Dr. Daniel is a member of the National Academy of Engineering, and served as Chair of the External Review Panel of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and President of The Academy of Medicine, Engineering, and Science of Texas (TAMEST). He serves on the Sandia Corporation Board of Directors, which oversees management of Sandia National Laboratory. He also serves on boards of numerous Dallas-area organizations, including the Dallas Regional Chamber.





#### STANLEY R. LEVENSON, APR Co-Founder, Levenson Group of Companies

Stan Levenson is a widely recognized public relations professional whose career in Dallas has spanned nearly 45 years. Mr. Levenson, his wife Barbara and Bill Hill founded the Levenson, Levenson & Hill strategic communications and marketing agency in 1984. The public relations division merged with Brinker Communications in 2004, creating Levenson & Brinker Public Relations, which operates collaboratively and in concert with Levenson & Hill Advertising.

While achieving a leadership role in public relations, Mr. Levenson has dedicated numerous years to community service and support for higher education.

A former chairman of the Greater Dallas Chamber's marketing committee, Mr. Levenson has headed numerous civic initiatives, including the Mayor's Task Force on Marketing Southern Dallas; chairing the grand opening of the African-American Museum at Fair Park; serving on the executive committee and board of the North Texas Commission, as well as serving as a member of the President's Advisory Council of the AT&T Center for the Performing Arts.

He has been active on advisory boards and committees at the Sammons Center for the Performing Arts, University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Dallas and Southern Methodist University. In 2005, he was awarded SMU's first "Legendary Communicator Award."

Mr. Levenson's community involvement also includes serving as the 2009-2010 Board Chairman of the Urban League of Greater Dallas. In 2005 he was honored with the A. Maceo Smith Community Service Award, presented by the African-American Museum Guild. Mr. Levenson also is a board member of the valued Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance.

In 2008, he was unanimously elected to the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Committee by Chairman Roger Staubach and board members.

Mr. Levenson was honored as Dallas "Father of the Year" in 2007 and with his wife he is immensely proud of their two loving daughters, Laura and Amy, their husbands, Morris and Richard, and six grandsons.

#### Note from the Governor - Rick Perry

"The vital relationship between Israel and Jexas continues to grow and reward both parties through mutual business success and a deeper understanding of our respective cultures. Bast year, I had another opportunity to visit Israel and see firsthand the current benefits and unlimited potential of this unique convergence of like-minded cultures. With our shared emphasis on hard work, innovation and entrepreneurial risk-taking, economic partnerships are a natural outcome that lead to jobs, investment and enhanced prosperity. I was proud to share the good news about our state's low taxes, predictable regulations and a dynamic workforce as I extended the invitation for greater interaction and relationship-building that lead to greater economic interplay. I addition to our state's unparalleled job-friendly climate, I believe our shared dedication to fairness and cooperation is the foundation upon which future shared economic success and friendship will be built. The aforementioned demonstrates why I helped to found the Iexas-Israel Chamber of Commerce and we support their endeavors to increase economic development between our two great states."

- Governor Rick Perry

#### Note from the Consul General of Israel.

I am delighted to have learned that Elad Tshuva, Vice Chair of Delek Group and Mr. Parini, President of Elbit are here tonight, and I would like to recognize their many achievements, leading their respective companies to the forefront of international trade. I'm sorry I can't share this evening with you. I congratulate Raanan Horowitz and all of the honorees on their important achievements.

The government of Israel both supports and appreciates the efforts of the Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce in its mission to increase economic development by fostering understanding, cooperation, and business relationships between Israel and Texas. It was during my tenure, that the Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce was founded, and I am honored and grateful to have been a part of making the organization what it is today. Thank you all for your continued support, and the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Best regards and a warm Shalom, Asher Yarden

### Note from the President of the Texas-Israel Chamber of Commerce

I would like to give a special thanks and congratulations to our honorees: Raanan Horowitz, President & CEO of Elbit Systems of America, Dr. David E. Daniel, President of UTD, Stan Levenson, Co-Founder of Levenson Group of Companies, and a warm welcome to special guest Elad Ishuva, Vice Chair of Delek Group, Mr. Joseph Parini, Chairman of the Board of Elbit Systems of America, last year's honoree David Wiessman of Alon USA and Sheldon Stein our honorary event Chairman. All are distinguished for their focus on innovation, numerous contributions to business development between Jexas and Israel, and for supporting the important mission of the Jexas-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber's recent Cleanovation Conference hosted 100 companies - many with unique solutions in CleanJech and water technology (22 companies from Israel made the trip which is unprecedented). Our industry committees and members continue to facilitate introductions and business development, which is impacting numerous corporate and entrepreneurial entities in a very positive way. The Chamber's mission to promote business development for the benefit of the two states, the communities we live in, and our dynamic members is being accomplished due to the commitment, hard work, friendship and support of our diverse board of directors, members, colleagues and friends. Thank you all for your significant contributions.

The Chamber looks forward to being a strong resource for companies, entrepreneurs, and individuals who have a passion, vision and work ethic to achieve outstanding results in their field. Please consider joining and becoming active in one of our industry committees that are comprised of many of the highest quality professionals and individuals in Jexas and Israel. You have the opportunity to make solid deals, exchange serious ideas and make great things happen by being part of the Jexas-Jsrael Chamber of Commerce!

Best Wishes, Greg Yavner

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