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ADL Dinner Celebration Raises \$1.1 Million and Imagines a World Without Hate

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Honorees (pictured with awards) surrounded by co-chair Alan Jay Weil, MC Nadia Bilchik, Regional Board Chair Seth Gerber, Regional Director Amanda Susskind and co-chairs Nicole and Allan Mutchnik.



Imagine a World Without Hate™ was the theme of this year's Annual Dinner Celebration as ADL kicked off its centennial year on December 11 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Nearly 700 people celebrated ADL's 100 years of impact. More than \$1.1 million was raised to support ADL efforts to combat anti-Semitism and bigotry of all kinds.

Two distinguished community members were honored for excellence in their fields as well as for their philanthropic endeavors. One of the honoree's sisters, TV news anchor and CNN Editorial Producer Nadia Bilchik, was master of ceremonies for the evening.

Humanitarian Award recipient **Anton J. Bilchik, MD, PhD, FACS**, is the Chief of Medicine at the John Wayne Cancer Institute and co-founder of the California Oncology Research Institute. He is an internationally recognized surgical oncologist who has pioneered techniques to improve staging in colon cancer and minimally invasive approaches for liver and pancreatic cancer. In his acceptance speech Bilchik said, "I can resect a tumor, but I can't excise the malignancy that causes bigotry or prejudice." He noted that – having grown up in apartheid South Africa – he is all the more appreciative of ADL's mission "to secure justice and fair treatment for all."

Jurisprudence Award recipient **Harriet S. Posner** is a partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and has a wide-ranging practice concentrating in complex commercial litigation in state, federal and appellate courts. In addition to her long-term support of ADL, Posner sits on