



GORDON ZACKS

making history

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Gordon Zacks experienced his defining moment when he was just 15 years old. The year was 1948 and the then teenager from Columbus, Ohio, had a revelation upon learning about the formation of the State of Israel by the United Nations. "When that land was returned to the Jewish people, I remember thinking to myself that that was the most important thing that was going to happen in my lifetime. I decided right then and there that I wanted to be a part of the rebirth of the land and the redemption of the people of Israel," recalls the now 73-year-old chairman of the R. G. Barry Corporation, who went on to hold numerous positions in the Jewish volunteer community.