

Eulogy for Shmuel by Yosi Avron

The Israel Physical Society expresses its sorrow over the untimely death of Professor Emeritus Shmuel Fishman. Shmuel was a renowned physicist, greatly admired in Israel and in the world, who contributed to the foundations of quantum chaos.

Shmuel was a man of principles, honest, generous, and fair. He didn't like the spotlight, and working on physics was his whole life. He was a devoted advisor who treated his students well and with care.

Shmuel and I arrived at the Technion in the early eighties. Our offices were directly across from each other. He was an important part of my life. Shmuel was the founder of the Lewiner Institute for Theoretical Physics, and his uncompromising stand for quality without favoritism or external influences contributed to the flowering of the faculty and to the recruitment of faculty members of the highest level.

The death of his younger brother, problems with his health, and moving into retirement made Shmuel's last years difficult. And although it is of little comfort for the sadness of his passing, his life was full of physics, which was his first love. The talent with which he was blessed protected him in a world in which the cruel hand of fate took his parents from him when he was but a boy.

May his memory be blessed