

Jan Genossar z"l

I, my family, and many of my colleagues here in Canada were very sad to learn of the death of Professor Jan Genossar. His memory is and will be a blessing to all of us.

To me he was a mentor, a colleague and, above all a wonderful friend. We met in 1974 at the Lady Davis Symposium on Solid-State Physics at the Technion and I later spent two years as Lady Davis visiting professor in the Technion Physics department. We collaborated for 40 years! Moments that stand out for me, among many, are the observation of the charge-density-wave phase transitions in Tantalum Selenide, the spin-rotation transition in Cobalt, studies of Erbium and Erbium Orthoferrite, and the development of a useful tool, the tilted-plate capacitance dilatometer.

Jan was the most selfless of individuals, denying himself many things and offering everything he could to those around him. His experiences during the holocaust made him old before his time, but he also had a youthful enthusiasm for sailing and for exploring the natural beauty of Israel. He was the patriarch of a wonderful family. I understand that at age 95 he still came to work regularly at the Technion and was blessed with good health until the last month of his life.

We would enthusiastically support any proposal to establish a scholarship in his honour, or to hold a symposium or other event in his honour, I would want to be helpful in any way I can.

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