

**JORAM LINDENSTRAUSS (1936–2012)**

On April 29, 2012 in Jerusalem passed away Joram Lindenstrauss, professor of Hebrew University of Jerusalem, member of the Israeli Academy of Sciences, Banach's medal winner, founder, together with his teacher Aryeh Dvoretzky, of the Israeli school of functional analysis, teacher of numerous outstanding mathematicians, coauthor of several classical monographs in linear and nonlinear theory of Banach spaces.

Joram Lindenstrauss was a world-famous mathematician, with immense influence on the development of the theory of Banach spaces. Among many beautiful theorems he discovered, perhaps the best known is his characterization (joint with L. Tzafriri) of the Hilbert space as the unique Banach space all of whose closed subspaces are complemented (solution of a 1930 Banach and Mazur's problem).

From the beginning of his scientific career, Joram Lindenstrauss maintained close contacts with Polish mathematics, visited Poland several times and initiated visits of Polish mathematicians in Israel. Some of these contacts resulted in joint publications; for us it was always an honour.

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