

Shmuelevitz served a number of times as the head of the department, was head of the Special Programs of Tel Aviv University, and was among the founders of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Academic College. Aryeh was also the director of the Project for the Integration of the Oriental Jewish Heritage, from 1982-1991.

One of Aryeh's most notable legacies is the number of graduate students he supervised, both for their M.A. and Ph.D. theses, at Tel Aviv University and at Bar Ilan University. This was both a reflection of his dedication to scholarship, as well as his commitment to his students. Indeed, one of the traits his students, as well as colleagues, loved about Aryeh was his openness, whether it was to new ideas, or simply his willingness to listen and offer sound guidance and assistance. He will be deeply missed. Blessed be his memory.

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### Şinasi Tekin (1933-2004)

On September 16, 2004, Şinasi Tekin died suddenly in Istanbul. Born in the village of Karagöz in the Balekesir district of southeastern Turkey in 1933, he attended high school in Istanbul and then studied Turkish language and literature in the Faculty of Literature at Istanbul University. In 1953 he went to Hamburg to study Old Uyghur with the doyenne of the field, Annemarie von Gabin, and completed his degree in 1958. After several teaching positions, including a time at Atatürk University in Erzurum, in 1965 he was invited to Harvard University, where he taught Old Uyghur, Ottoman, and Turcology, with a one-year leave to perform his military service in Turkey at the age of 45.

Indefatigable in his efforts to promote the study of Turkology, Şinasi Bey made many significant contributions to the field, not the least of which was his founding and editorship, in collaboration with his wife, Gönül Alpay Tekin, of the *Journal of Turkish Studies*, now in its twenty-eighth year, and of a very successful companion series, *Sources of Oriental Languages and Literatures*, which has published more than fifty texts, studies, and translations of literature by or about Turks. In 1971 he published the 15<sup>th</sup>-century *Menahicül-insa*, the oldest known manual on Ottoman composition. In 1993 he published a study of orthography, paper, and watermarks for Old Uyghur manuscripts, *Eski Türklerde yazı, kâğıt ve kâğıt damgaları*. In 2001 he published a collection of studies on Turkic etymology, *İstikakçmm köşesi: Türk dilinde kelimelerin ve eklerin hayatı üzerine denemeler*.

In 1997 he founded the Harvard Ottoman Summer School on Cunda Island in Ayvalık in collaboration initially with Uludağ University in Bursa and later with Koç University in Istanbul. Ottoman Summer School flourished for eight years under his direction and has had more than a hundred participants, all of whom will remember

Şinasi Bey for his extraordinary erudition, his unfailing kindness, and his love of the cats of Cunda Island.

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