

IN MEMORIAM

URIEL DANN
1922–1991

THE TRAGIC PASSING of Professor Uriel Dann on 19 October 1991 was a grievous loss to all who knew him and especially to us, his colleagues and friends at the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies at Tel Aviv University. Professor Dann was one of the stalwarts of the Center and the Department of Middle Eastern and African History since the early 1960s.

Professor Dann was born in Berlin in 1922 and immigrated to Palestine in 1933. He served in the British army in the Second World War and subsequently joined the Israeli army, where he served as an officer in its intelligence branch. Dann's true passion was history and while in the Israeli army he pursued his education by correspondence, acquiring his bachelor's degree in history from the University of London. He subsequently earned two doctorates, the first from the Hebrew University and the second from Oxford.

Professor Dann's writing focused mainly on the political history of Iraq and Jordan and in later years on the history of England in the eighteenth century. A true scholar and outstanding teacher, a gentleman and a man of letters, Professor Dann will be sorely missed.

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ZUHAIR JWAIDEH
1920–1991

ZUHAIR JWAIDEH, former chief of the Near Eastern and African Law Division, the Library of Congress, died on November 8. He was seventy-one.

Jwaideh was born in Basrah, Iraq, in 1920. He attended the University of Baghdad, from which he received his law degree in 1944. Jwaideh practiced law in Iraq for four years before coming to the United States in 1948. He received his master's degree in comparative law in 1952 and his doctorate in juridical science in 1956 from the George Washington University Law School. He became a U.S. citizen in 1954.

Jwaideh joined the Library's staff in 1956 as assistant chief of the Near East section of the Orientalia Division. In 1959 he found and became the first chief of the Law Library's Near East and North African [now African] Division, where he was responsible for developing research and legal collections.

Jwaideh took several trips to Africa and Near Eastern countries in the early sixties to acquire additions for the Library's collections. He also helped to establish a Library field office in Cairo in 1961.

During his Library career, Jwaideh was an active member of the American Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, and the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

Jwaideh retired from the Library in May of this year after thirty-four years of service. This month he was awarded the Meritorious Service Award by the Librarian in recognition of his accomplishments in enhancing the Law Library's legal research and reference capabilities in Near Eastern and African Law.

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CLAUDE CAHEN

1909–1991

A Personal Tribute

MY FIRST CONTACT with Claude Cahen dates back to 1951. In the process of working on my Ph.D. dissertation I dared to write to the renowned professor of the University of Strasbourg to query him about a monetary detail in his *La Syrie du Nord à l'Époque des Croisades et la Principauté Franque d'Antioche* (Paris 1940). To my great delight he answered me promptly and encouragingly. "There are so few of us interested in the history of medieval Middle Eastern history"—I quote from memory. In my opinion, apart from many other impressive and topically diversified accomplishments in the field of medieval Middle Eastern studies, Claude Cahen will be remembered most of all for his pioneering and inspiring heuristic and didactic, methodological and editorial contributions to the progress of our knowledge of the socio-economic circumstances prevailing in the *Dār al-Islām*.

In 1955 he published an article concerning the underdeveloped state of this branch of Islamic history and pointed out a number of pertinent areas calling for research and hermeneutic treatment.¹ A year later, in a personal letter, dated 24 December 1956, still dispatched from the University of Strasbourg, he communicated the following: "Je ne sais si vous avez entendu parler d'un vaste projet d'Histoire Economique et Sociale de l'Orient, que publiera la maison Brill dans quelques années, et auquel v. Grunbaum, B. Spuler et moi-même, en particulier [emphasis added], sommes attelés, en ce qui concerne l'islam."² A côté de cette collection et dès cette année

¹ L'histoire économique et social de l'Orient musulman médiévale," *Studia Islamica* 3 (1955).

² A project which resulted in the appearance of the *Wirtschaftsgeschichte des Vorderen Orients in islamischer Zeit*, Handbuch der Orientalistik, Band 6, Abschnitt 6, 1st Abteilung, 1977.