In recognition of his personal qualities, unceasing endeavors to perpetuate the lessons of the Holocaust and to memorialise the sacred memory of its six million victims, his communal leadership and his contributions and devotion to the University of Haifa as President of the Association of American Friends of Haifa University from 1979 to 1984 as a member of the Board of Governors and founder of the Strohltiz Institute of Holocaust Studies.

Born in Poland in 1917, his studies were interrupted in 1939 when war broke out. He was imprisoned in Auschwitz in 1943 and later in Bergen-Belsen, from which he was released in 1945. Emigrating to the United States after his release, he settled in New London, Connecticut, where he established a business and started taking an active part in Jewish communal, civic and educational affairs. He was appointed by President Carter to serve on the President’s Holocaust Commission and chaired the Fact Finding Commission to Eastern Europe and Israel sponsored by the Holocaust Commission. He is Chairman of Days of Remembrance Committee of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council. Founder of the Strohltiz Institute of Holocaust Studies, he established the Strohltiz Chair of Holocaust Studies at the University in 1976.