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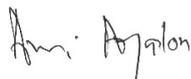
Shulamit Aloni

the degree of

Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa

In recognition of her courage as a pioneer in the struggle for a just and equal society based upon the sanctity of human life and of women's rights in particular, for their dignity and their freedom - values entrenched in the University of Haifa ethos; for being a role model in public, acting with integrity and loyalty regardless of personal beliefs and outlook; for her work promoting peace between the State of Israel and its neighbors and her dedication to strengthening Israeli society through investment in education.

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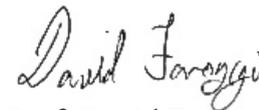
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SHULAMIT ALONI

Human Rights Activist, Israel Prize Laureate

Shulamit Aloni was born in Tel Aviv in the year 1927, scion to a rabbinic dynasty. In her youth she was active in the youth movement *HaShomer HaTzair* and with the onset of the Second World War she joined the *Haganah*. When the State of Israel declared its independence in 1948, Aloni enlisted in the IDF and joined the fighting in the old city of Jerusalem and in the battles fought to free the city of Jerusalem.

Aloni began her life-long dedication to social activism after the War of Independence, working with refugee children in Jaffa and helping to establish a school for immigrant children in Ramleh. From 1957 to 1965, she hosted a Voice of Israel radio program, known as “Outside Receiving Hours”, which was one of the first radio programs to address the subject of individual civil rights.

Aloni went on to establish the Ombudsman Unit at the State Comptroller Office. In 1966 she founded the Israeli Consumer Council, which she headed until 1970. She was also one of the founders of the Association of Civil Rights in Israel.

In 1965 Aloni was elected as an MK to the 6th Knesset as member of the Labor Party and later was elected to the 8th Knesset. She served as MK between 1974-1996 until the 13th Knesset as member of the Ratz Party and the Meretz Party. Over the years she held several ministerial positions, including Minister of Education and Culture, Minister of Communications, Minister of Science and Technology and Minister for Science and the Arts.

Throughout her political career, Shulamit Aloni advocated for a peace treaty between the State of Israel and her neighbors and was one of the founders and an active partner of the “International Center for Peace in the Middle East”.

In her political and public life Shulamit Aloni continued to be a passionate advocate for human and civil rights and the advancement of women. As a certified lawyer she has provided pro bono legal counsel for many years, assisted in the establishment of shelters for battered women and crisis centers for rape victims. She wrote marriage contracts for couples who could not be joined in matrimony in an Orthodox ceremony and authored books and extensively published on these topics, including “The Citizen and his Country”, “Children’s Rights in Israel”, and “Women as Human Beings.”

In 1999 Shulamit Aloni received the Emil Grunzweig Human Rights Award. In 2000 she received the highest accolade bestowed by the State of Israel when she received the Israel Prize, amongst other things, for: “Her vision, courage, struggles and actions have made a profound impact on Israeli society...many of the issues she fought for so valiantly have since become common property for all...this is also the manifestation of her unique contribution to human dignity and human basic and natural rights as well as equality between the races.”