



Yedida K. Stillman
1946-1998

Professor of Near Eastern Studies
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1973-1995

Yedida Kalfon Stillman died on February 22, 1998 at the age of fifty-one after a valiant ten-month struggle against cancer. Born in Fez, Morocco, she came to Israel at the age of five and lived for over a year in a tent camp. She grew up in Jerusalem and did her undergraduate studies in Folk Literature at the Hebrew University and was a researcher at the Ethnographic Dept. of the Israel Museum. She earned her M.A. in Folklore and Folklife in 1968 and completed her doctorate in Oriental Studies at the University of Pennsylvania in 1972. Yedida began teaching in the Classical & Near Eastern Studies Department at Binghamton University in 1973, including courses in Hebrew language & literature, Jewish folklore, field work methodology, and Material culture of the Middle East and North Africa. From 1984 until 1991 she was Director of the Judaic Studies Program which became the Judaic Studies Department under her direction in 1991 until her leaving Binghamton in 1995. In 1978 Yedida was the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In addition to her academic work, Yedida held many positions as guest curator and consultant at Museums in the United States and abroad. She coordinated two international conferences in 1987 and 1991 on Sephardic Studies at Binghamton University. She was the recipient of many grants and fellowships and in 1994-95 was a senior Fulbright Research Scholar at Muhammad V University in Rabat, Morocco.

Yedida is survived by her husband, Norman, daughter, Mia, and son, Eran.

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Yedida K. Stillman - Book Publications

Palestinian Costume and Jewelry,
University of New Mexico Press:
Albuquerque, 1979

From Southern Morocco to Northern
Israel: Material Culture in Shelomi,
University of Haifa Press: Haifa, 1982

Travail in an Arab Land: An Italian Jew
in Eighteenth-Century Morocco, Samuel
Romanelli, In collaboration with N.A.
Stillman, University of Alabama Press:
Tuscaloosa, 1989.

New Horizons in Sephardic Studies, co-
edited with George K. Zucker, SUNY
Press, Albany, 1993.

New Horizons in Sephardic Studies,
Volume II, Magnes Press.

Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Islamic
Dress, in preparation at time of death

MEMORIAL PROGRAM
University Art Museum
Sunday, March 29, 1998
2:00 pm

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