

The Max Sobel Award

Each year the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey (AMTNJ) presents the prestigious Max Sobel Award for outstanding service and leadership in Mathematics Education. In 1990, Dr. Sobel was the first recipient of the AMTNJ award.

During the course of his 50 year career, Max Sobel served the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) as president from 1980 to 1982 and previously as a member of the NCTM Board of Directors. He contributed to the work of numerous other mathematics organizations, including the Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey (AMTNJ) as president from 1958 to 1959, the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) as chair of the New Jersey section, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Educational Testing Service (ETS).



Max Sobel in his days at Montclair State University



Max Sobel passed away in November 2016. See obituary below listing some of his career highlights and relationships with his beloved family and friends.

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Max A. Sobel

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Dr. Max A., 92 of Fair Lawn, New Jersey passed away at home on Friday, November 11, 2016. He was the son of the late Harry and Rebecca Sobel and brother of the late Samuel and Irving Sobel.

Max Sobel, Ph.D., was an internationally known and beloved Professor of Mathematics at Montclair University and Montclair College High School for over 36 years, having also served as Chairman of the Department as well as President of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM).

During his long career as an educator, Dr. Sobel was a visiting professor at Stanford University, University of Colorado, Columbia University and University of Michigan and participated in the creation of what became known as the "New Math" of the 1960's. He was invited by President Jimmy Carter to attend the opening of the U.S. Department of Education during the Carter Administration, and in 1998 he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Mathematics Education Trust. Max Sobel was also the author of over 60 books that were translated into multiple languages around the world, many of which were co-authored with his brother-in-law, Professor Norbert Lerner of Cortland, New York. He also authored or co-authored innumerable articles in his field, and delivered hundreds of invited presentations and workshops around the United States. Max served as a Sergeant of the U.S. Army in WWII as a member of "The Men of Company K," participating at the Battle of the Bulge and receiving a Purple Heart.

Max Sobel is survived by his wife of 70 years, Manya (nee Lerner) Sobel whom he met at Eastside High School, Paterson, NJ; his son Elliot (Eliezer) Sobel and his wife Shari Cordon; his son Harry Sobel and his wife Anne Trombetta Sobel; his granddaughter Julie Sobel and her husband Matthew Vogel; his granddaughter Amy Sobel and her partner John Bodnar; and two great-grandchildren, Jake and Talia Vogel. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Gerda Kassner of Ridgewood, NJ, his former daughter-in-law Wendy K. Sobel of Wayland, MA., and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and extended family members.

Funeral services at 12 noon, Sunday, November 13th at Louis Suburban Jewish Chapel, 13-01 Broadway, Fair Lawn. Interment Riverside Cemetery, Saddle Brook, NJ. Visiting hours at the Sobel residence following the interment and Monday and Tuesday 3-8 PM. Dr. Sobel spent 15 years caring for his wife at home during her ongoing challenges with Alzheimer's. Donations may be made in Max's honor to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, www.alzfdn.org (866-232-8484).

Funeral Home

Louis Suburban Chapel

13-01 Broadway Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

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The Max Sobel Award was established in 1990. Other awardees include:



1991 Evan Maletsky



1992 Mary E. Froustet



1993 David Glatzer



1994 Janet Caldwell



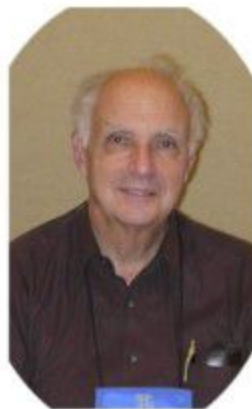
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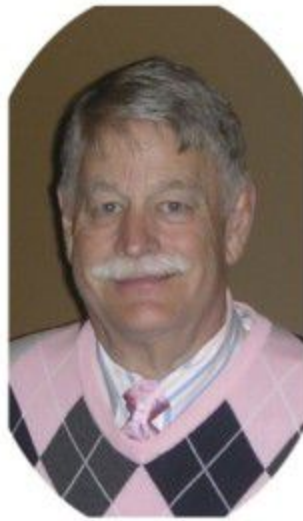
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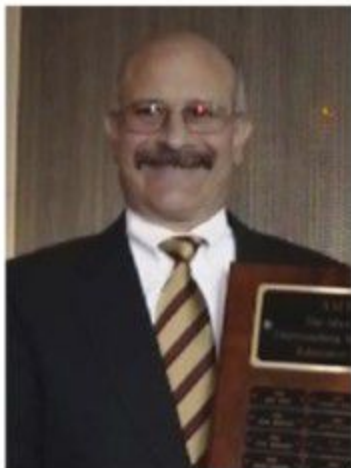
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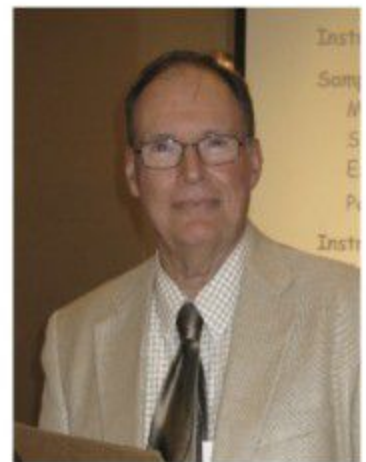
2005 Angelo DeMattia



2006 Warren Crown



2007 Joan Vas



2008 Bob Riehs



2009 Eric Milou



2010 Nancy Schultz



2011 Mary Mitchell



2012 Willard Blaskopf



2013 Deborah Ives



2014 John E. Hammett III



2015 Dianna M. Sopala



**2016 J. Michael Nuspl w Elliott Sobel
(son of Max Sobel)**



2017 Agnes Azzolino



2018 Neil Cooperman



2019 Jay Schiffman



2020 Norma Boakes