



Yoram Shoham

September 2, 1943 - October 2, 2024

It is with great sadness that we share that Yoram Shoham, 81, passed away on October 2, 2024. Yoram was a loving husband and father, gifted scientist, dynamic leader, and exceptional human being.

Born in 1943 and raised in Tel Aviv during the early years of the State of Israel, Yoram was a proud Israeli and Texan. He graduated with honors from Tel Aviv University with a B.Sc. in applied math and physics. The state later sponsored his graduate studies at Stanford and the Colorado School of Mines, during which time he saw the Beatles perform at the Red Rocks Amphitheater – one of his most cherished memories. He completed his Ph.D in geophysics at Tel Aviv University and came to Texas for postdoctoral research at UT Austin.

Yoram loved the Earth and its natural beauty. As a teen, he was active in Israel's Tzofim youth movement and led scout groups on cross-country hikes along the Shvil Israel. He loved to scuba dive, especially in the Red Sea. He had a photographic memory for maps and an infallible knowledge of geography. A world traveler and global citizen, he had endless curiosity about places, cultures, and above all, people.

Yoram was a distinguished geophysicist and worked for Shell Oil for over two decades. At Shell, Yoram did it all; from manager of geophysics research to

vice president for Exploration and Production (E&P) to chief geophysicist for Shell International in The Netherlands, and finally vice president of E&P external relations worldwide. Yoram served on advisory boards at Colorado School of Mines, Stanford, MIT, UT Austin, and Rice University.

Yoram was involved with the Society of Exploration Geophysics for over 40 years and helped to internationalize the organization. He chaired the first SEG conference in Moscow in 1992, which coincided with the collapse of the Soviet Union, and other conferences in Beijing, St. Petersburg, and Moscow. Yoram received an honorary medal from the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and was awarded Life Membership with the Society of Exploration Geophysicists.

Yoram is survived by his wife of fifty years, Bella; his children, Tammy (Marco), Sharon (Ken), and Danny (Hayley). He treasured his role as Saba to his beloved grandchildren, Ellie, Evan, Dalia, and Noa. He was predeceased by his parents, Aliza and Zvi, and his sister, Varda.

A graveside service will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 2:00 pm at Emanu El Memorial Park at 8341 Bissonnet St, Houston, TX 77074.

Cemetery Details

Emanu El Memorial Park

8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Emanu El Memorial Park
8341 Bissonnet St
Houston, TX 77074

Tribute Wall

JS

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Jon Sheiman - October 07, 2024 at 12:26 PM

JS

“ Nan and I send our deepest condolences to the Shohams, who have been our friends, and in Yoram's case, coworker for decades. Yoram was always pushing Shell to become more open to the rest of the industry and the world at large. Yoram connected me with the Colorado School of Mines; a collaboration which went on happily for 15 years. He also took me to Russia twice to connect with their geophysical community. I grew as a professional and as a person from these and many other partnerships which Yoram match-made for me.

Our sons, Josh and Danny, have been great friends since preparing for their Bar Mitzvahs in the Hague. We have shared many other family milestones over the years, and hope to do so in the future.

Jon Sheiman - October 07, 2024 at 12:16 PM



“ Caring Condolences Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Yoram Shoham.



October 06, 2024 at 05:48 PM

SM

“ I worked with Yoram at Shell Oil many years ago. He was a wonderful man and friend. He told me that in 1973 he was a Tank Commander in the Yom Kippur war. I send my condolences to the family.

Samuel & Jerry Louise Musil - October 06, 2024 at 03:04 PM

SA

My name is Samuel Musil no Louise in it.

Samuel - October 06, 2024 at 03:06 PM

HA

“ With tears I read Bella's message about Yoram's passing. Our history goes back for more than 50 years! Yoram shared a room at Tel Aviv University with my late wife Panina. Bella served with me in the Chief of Staff Chaim Barlev's office. We received two invitations for their wedding, from both - the bride and the groom. Shortly after the wedding, the Shohams relocated to Texas. Israel was too small for Yoram, the gifted scientist, who specialized in oil exploration. Soon his skills were discovered by "shell oil". We renewed our friendship 12 years ago and soon became close. We last met a decade ago when Bella and Yoram hosted us in their beautiful home in Bellaire, Texas.
I shall always treasure Yoram's memory.
Heartily Hugs to Bella, Tammy and Danny. יהי זכרו ברוך

Hanan Alon - October 05, 2024 at 01:03 PM

DW

“ Bella, Tammy, Sharon and Danny,

Sincere condolences from Mary and me on your loss of Yoram. He and I worked together at the old BRC lab in the 80s; we were the managers of Geology and Geophysics Research at that time.

Yoram was always willing to lend a hand and a good idea or three. I have many fond memories of those days, and of the wonderful Shell parties at your home. May he rest in peace.

Dan Worrall

Dan M Worrall - October 05, 2024 at 12:09 PM

LR

“ Bella, Tammy, and Sharon,

I was fortunate to witness your immense devotion and dedication to Yoram during his visits to TIRR. He was well-loved. Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your loss.

Lanie Rose

Lanie Rose - October 04, 2024 at 11:01 PM

RL

“ Yoram was my first supervisor in Shell way back in the MT days. It was always fun to go to the field with him. No matter how small the town Yoram would know the best place to eat. My deepest sympathies to his family. I will miss him too.

Ron Lawson - October 04, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ Yoram was both a visionary and a practical man who knew how to get things done. I’m honored to have had my life positively impacted by his wisdom and personal advice. His guidance shaped my life and left a lasting impression on me.

To Yoram’s family, my deepest sympathies. He made a real difference in many lives, including mine, and his legacy will endure.

With sincere condolences
Andrey Bakulin

Andrey Bakulin - October 04, 2024 at 08:48 PM

CK

“ Cyndi Kelly purchased the Meat & Cheese Wood en Gift Crate for the family of Yoram Shoham.



Cyndi Kelly - October 04, 2024 at 05:46 PM

SR

“ So sad to hear that Yoram died. My condolences to the Shoham family.

I would like to add that Yoram and Bella made my family move to Houston easier. Thank you good friends. Also, Yoram served on the board of VeritasDGC and helped the company gather the courage to invest long term in the right geophysical technology. Tiny Veritas behaved a bit like mighty Shell. The technology that Yoram said would be the future, is now the present.

Shuki Ronen - October 04, 2024 at 05:07 PM

JB

“ *Deep condolences to Yoram's family and to his colleagues at Shell.*

John Berry - October 04, 2024 at 03:08 PM