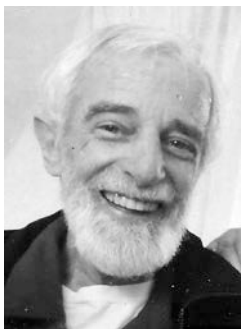


## NEWS OF THE JEWISH BIBLE ASSOCIATION

### GREETINGS TO EDITOR EMERITUS DR SHIMON BAKON ON HIS 100<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY



Dr. Shimon Bakon began his association with *The Jewish Bible Quarterly* in 1975 with Volume 4:2, when he joined the Editorial Board of the journal then known as *Dor leDor*. He was appointed Assistant Editor in 1976, starting with Volume 4:3, and Associate Editor in 1978, starting with Volume 7:1. He was appointed Editor in 1987, starting with Volume 16:2, and was Editor for 25 years until 2012. Born in Czechoslovakia, he attended the Jewish high school in Brno, received private tutoring in Talmud from his father, and in 1939 earned a Ph.D. in philosophy at Masaryk University. After reaching the United States, he studied for three years at Yeshiva Torah Vodaath in Brooklyn. In January 1942, he joined the U.S. Army, served with distinction in North Africa and Italy, and received an Honorable Discharge in 1945. Thereafter, he took a post-doctoral fellowship in philosophy at Columbia University in New York, and went on to be director of Jewish education first in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and then in Springfield, Massachusetts. In Springfield, he was instrumental in establishing a branch of Boston Hebrew College, and for more than 10 years served as its administrator and lecturer in Jewish Philosophy. In 1974, he made aliya to Israel with his wife and children, and soon after began his association with this journal. The directors of the Jewish Bible Association and the Editorial Board of *The Jewish Bible Quarterly* extend their greetings and blessings Dr. Shimon Bakon.



**IN MEMORIAM**  
**WALTER ZANGER (1935-2015)**  
**GABRIEL A. SIVAN**

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Walter Zanger was ordained at the Jewish Institute of Religion (1962) and then experienced all the rigors of a U.S. Air Force chaplain in Vietnam. After making aliyah in January 1966, he joined the administrative staff of the *Encyclopaedia Judaica* as assistant to the production manager. From that time onwards, Walter and I were close friends, despite our different backgrounds and religious affiliations. A onetime auxiliary policeman, he became a highly regarded, first-class tour guide and appeared in several films dealing with the Bible. As a board member of the *Jewish Bible Quarterly*, he conducted our annual *tiyulim* to places of biblical interest and importance. *From Jerusalem*, the newsletter that he published from 1982 until shortly before his death in August 2015, reflected Walter's uncompromising Zionism and his devotion to the Land and People of Israel. A forthright, engaging personality, Walter leaves a widow, Paula, as well as four children and eleven grandchildren by his first marriage. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues and a host of friends. *Yehi zikhro barukh.*