

# Regrets

Two pioneers in the Jewish-Adventist Adventure have left us:

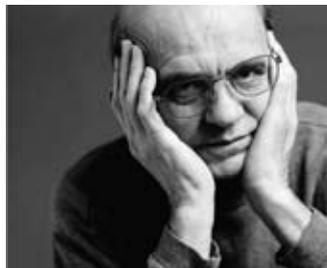


Samuel Srolovic Jacobson died May 24, 2006, in McMinnville, Oregon. Born on February 10, 1915, in Veiksniai, Lithuania, Samuel Jacobson grew up in an Orthodox Jewish

family. He loved the Hebrew Scriptures and joined a Zionist movement as a youth. In the early 1930s he moved to the British colony of Palestine and persuaded his whole family to follow him, thus saving them from the ravages of the Holocaust and allowing them to be pioneers of the modern state of Israel. Working in Zimbabwe (then S. Rhodesia), Samuel learned the bricklaying trade which he plied all his working years.

In 1945 Samuel accepted Yeshua as his Messiah and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He graduated from Washington Missionary College in Takoma Park, Maryland, in 1952 and married Barbara Janet Morris. Married for nearly 54 years the couple lived in many places including New York City, Chiapas (Mexico), and more recently Grand Ronde (Oregon). Samuel is considered one of the pioneers of modern Jewish Adventist Ministries.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Jacobson, of Grand Ronde, his sons Daniel and Lemuel, and his daughters Dr. Ruth Woolcock and Ellen Butler. He is also survived by his sisters Leah Laughlin of England and Esther Srolovic of Israel; a brother, Eliezer Israeli of Israel; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. His first great grandson was born one day after his passing. Samuel now rests in the Green Crest Memorial Park in Sheridan, Oregon, where he awaits the call of the Life Giver.



Benoni B. Oliver died on September 22, 2006, in Berrien Springs, Michigan, of complications from Parkinson's disease.

Born on October 10, 1940, in Acre, Brazil, from descendants of *Marrano* Jews, Benoni studied at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rio de Janeiro and at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary in North Brazil. He worked as a pastor in the Rio de Janeiro area and started a radio broadcast in Hebrew and Portuguese, titled "Hear, O Israel."

In 1978 Benoni married Suzanne Yvonne Wilk of Jewish origin. The couple founded the *Jewish Heritage Institute* in Sao Paulo which today has branches in several cities in Brazil under the name of *Beit B'nei Zion*. In 1981 the Oliver family moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, where Benoni completed a master's degree in religion and Educational Psychology at Andrews University. After eight years of ministerial work in French Guyana, the family returned to Berrien Springs.

Benoni leaves behind three daughters (Agadir Nubia, Ava Jordania, and Ana Queila) and two sons (Isaac and Benjamin) as well as six grandchildren and numerous extended family members. He also leaves behind a contingent of spiritual sons and daughters in all the countries of his pilgrimage, who have been touched by his love, personal sacrifice, and a meek and humble spirit. As proof of his divine call, Benoni was a pastor until the end of his life, always worrying about everyone else but himself, praying for family members and friends, in almost inaudible voice, even in his death bed.