

Prof. Ezra Mendelsohn, z"l

The IUAP notes with much sadness the untimely passing of one of the leading scholars of East European and Polish Jewry, Prof. Ezra Mendelsohn of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry. A scholar who effortlessly intertwined social, political and cultural histories across the great expanse of East Central Europe and beyond, Prof. Mendelsohn will be remembered for his seminal works such as: *Class Struggle in the Pale: The Formative Years of the Jewish Workers' Movement in Tsarist Russia* (Cambridge, 1970); *Zionism in Poland: The Formative Years, 1915-1926* (Yale, 1982); *The Jews of East Central Europe between the World Wars* (Indiana, 1983); *On Modern Jewish Politics* (Oxford, 1993); and, *Painting a People: Maurycy Gottlieb and Jewish Art* (Indiana, 2002).

In addition to his revolutionary academic oeuvre over the past five decades, Prof. Mendelsohn was an inspirational teacher, an indispensable colleague, a dedicated mentor, and a phenomenal, if not unprecedented, intellectual, cultural and political interlocutor.

The larger community of scholars, students and dedicated readers convey their deepest condolences to his wife, children and grandchildren.