

## OLGA STEIN



I was born in 1925, began medical studies in Bern, Switzerland in 1946 ,was married to Yechezkiel Stein in 1947, graduated from the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem and received the MD degree in 1953. .I received my post graduate training in pathology and biochemistry at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School in 1959 and joined the Department of Experimental Medicine and Cancer Research at the Medical School in Jerusalem where I still remain, as Professor Emeritus. Already during these early years I participated in joint research projects with Yechezkiel and this was the beginning of our life long scientific collaboration. My basic training in pathology brought me into the field of Electron Microscopy and in 1960 I was most fortunate to receive a Visiting Scientist position at the Rockefeller Institute in New York, and trained in the lab of Porter and Palade. At that time Yechezkiel was there with Pete Ahrens working on lipids and cholesterol metabolism, and our collaboration brought me into the world of lipids and lipoproteins. When we returned to Jerusalem, I as member of my department have been teaching cell biology and histology but my research interest remained with lipids. Our joint studies focused on biochemical and ultrastructural aspects of lipoprotein metabolism and later on the role of lipoproteins in atherosclerosis.

One of the great rewards of scientific work is its universality, which gained us numerous friends all over the world, and we cherish these friendships. During my professional life I had the opportunity to spend time in many labs abroad, mainly in the United States, in La Jolla, Seattle, Bethesda, Oklahoma City, New York, and spent several Sabbaticals back at Rockefeller University, together with Yechezkiel. Now our institutions let us continue our scientific work and so we continue our research, go to meetings and enjoy the benefits of science.