

Dina Feitelson

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Dina Feitelson (Hebrew: **דינה פייטלסון**, also known as **Dina Feitelson-Schur** (Hebrew: **דינה פייטלסון-שור** (born 1926; died 1992), was an Israeli educator and scholar in the field of reading acquisition.

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<div>Dina Feitelson-Schur</div> <div>דינה פייטלסון-שור</div>	
Born	<div>1926</div> <div>Vienna, Austria</div>
Died	<div>1992 (aged 65–66)</div> <div>Israel</div>
Occupation	educator
Ethnicity	Jewish
Citizenship	Israeli
Notable awards	Israel Prize (1953)

Biography

Feitelson was born in 1926 in Vienna, and emigrated to Mandate Palestine in 1934. She studied in the Herzliya Hebrew Gymnasium in the 32nd class, which graduated in 1944.

After graduating she studied philosophy in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Her studies were interrupted by Israel's War of Independence. During the war she suffered a severe head injury.

After graduating she worked as an elementary school teacher and later as an inspector for the Ministry of Education. In parallel she also embarked upon an academic career, initially in the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Then, in 1973, she accepted a post at the University of Haifa, where she became a professor of Education. She continued to work there till her death in 1992.

Awards and honours

In 1953, Feitelson was awarded the Israel Prize,^[1] in its inaugural year, in the field of education for her work on causes of failure in first grade children. She was the first woman to receive this prize, and also the youngest recipient ever (she was aged 27).

Shortly before her death, Feitelson was inducted to the International Reading Association's Reading Hall of Fame.

In 1997, the International Reading Association established the Dina Feitelson Research Award, to honour the memory of Dina Feitelson by recognizing an outstanding empirical study published in English in a referred journal. The work should report on one or more aspects of literacy acquisition, such as phonemic awareness, the alphabetic principle, bilingualism, or cross-cultural studies of beginning reading.^[2]

Publications

- Feitelson, Dina (1988). *Facts and Fads in Beginning Reading: A Cross-Language Perspective*. Norwood, New Jersey, United States: Ablex. ISBN 0-89391-507-6.

Further reading

- Joseph Shimron, ed. (1996). *Literacy and Education: Essays in Memory of Dina Feitelson*. Kresskill, New Jersey, United States: Hampton Press Inc. ISBN 1-57273-033-1.

See also

- List of Israel Prize recipients
- List of Austrian Jews

References

- "Israel Prize recipients in 1953 (in Hebrew)". Israel Prize Official Site. Archived from the original on 24 January 2010.
- Dina Feitelson Award (http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/research_feitelson.aspx)

External links

- Research Prize by the International Reading Association in honour of Dina Feitelson (http://www.reading.org/Resources/AwardsandGrants/research_feitelson.aspx)
- Judges Rationale for Award of Israel Prize (in Hebrew) (<http://www.edu.haifa.ac.il/page.php?id=1877>) on University of Haifa Faculty website

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