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Born in Tel Aviv in 1943. Earned his B.A and M.A degrees from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and his Ph.D in psychology - from the University of California, San Diego. Since 1975 he has been teaching cognitive psychology at the University of Haifa, where he was appointed full professor in 1984.

His main areas of interest are human perception and attention. He has also contributed to other areas in cognitive and applied psychology, mainly in the way of helping to conceptualize some key issues or to improve the methodology of studying them.

He published about 80 publications (by the end of 2007). The most prominent ones gained substantive resonance. His three most known articles that each of them received hundreds of citations in the scientific press concern (1) the precedence of the global structure of a perceived object, as compared

with its local details, in the process of its recognition, (2) an account for deterioration of task performance based on positing scarcity of various types of processing resources, (3) the methodological difficulty in empirically testing models positing the existence of processing resources.

Won the Israel prize in 1992 and joined the Israeli Academy of Sciences and Humanities in the same year.