

LEON HENKIN: IN MEMORIAM

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Leon Henkin was born in 1921 in New York city, district of Brooklyn, son of immigrant Russian Jews. He died November 1st 2006. We believe he was an extraordinary logician, an excellent and devoted teacher, an exceptional person of great heart who did not elude social compromise, not only a firm believer in equality but an active individual hoping to achieve it.

Henkin's influential papers in the domain of foundations of mathematical logic begin with two on completeness of formal systems, where he fashioned a new method that was applied afterwards to many logical systems, including the non-classical ones.