

MOE WEINSCHEL, NOTED NEW YORK COLLECTOR, DIES

Moe Weinschel, noted for his work with the American Numismatic Association (ANA) and the American Israel Numismatic Association (AINA), died Tuesday, October 16.

"Moe will be greatly missed," says ANA President John Wilson. "When I was general chairman of the ANA's 100th Anniversary Convention in Chicago in 1991, I asked Moe a lot of questions, and through his wisdom and knowledge the convention turned out to be a great success."

ANA Executive Director Edward C. Rochette says, "I was fortunate enough to join one of the AINA annual numismatic trips to Israel. Moe was absolutely wonderful, providing great descriptions and background of everything we saw on that trip. He made ancient history come alive."

Weinschel, 84, of Far Rockaway, New York, was a member of the ANA for more than 50 years. He started collecting coins with Indian Head cents when he was only 12 years old and by earning a Boy Scout merit badge on coin collecting. Throughout his numismatic involvement, he never forgot young collectors and donated to ANA Young Numismatist activities.

A member of the AINA since 1968, Weinschel served on the organization's board since 1970 and was its president since 1988. He was a founding member of the AINA in Brooklyn, as well as a founding member and past president of the Israel Numismatic Society of Queens, New York. Weinschel's efforts in founding new clubs did not end in there. He also established and presided as president of the Israel Numismatic Society of New York.

Weinschel was a member of a number of other organizations, including the Long Island Coin Club, Token and Medal Society (TAMS) and Florida United Numismatists (FUN). He presided as a convention coordinator and chairman of Greater New York Numismatic Conventions in 1972 and 1989. He also was a committee chairman for Grand Central Coin Conventions and Metropolitan New York Coin Conventions, and served as general chairman of the ANA's 106th Anniversary Convention in New York City in 1997. Despite his busy schedule, he found time to exhibit at club meetings and other numismatic functions.

Weinschel also wrote the bimonthly president's message for the AINA newsletter, "The Shekel." He also contributed feature articles in Numismatic Scrapbook magazine and Numismatic News.

Weinschel served on the judging committee for the Krause Publication's Coin of the Year award, TAMS "Ben & Sylvia Odesser" literary award and the annual AINA medal. Among his many honors, he received the ANA Goodfellow Award and Medal of Merit. This past August, the ANA presented him with its Exemplary Service Award for support to the Association deemed "above and beyond the call."

Weinschel is survived by his wife, Aida; his son, Alan; a daughter Sara Ameri, and by grandchildren Lawrence, Adam, Daniel, Jessica and Abigail. Funeral services were held October 18 at the Boulevard Chapel, 1895 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

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