

MISHAEL M. CASPI
Obituary

Professor Mishael Maswari Caspi, retired professor of Religion and Middle East Civilization at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, expired suddenly on Sunday, August 4, 2013 in Haifa, Israel at his home. Born in the village of Nah(a)liel near the coastal town of Hadera, he was laid to rest in the Garden of Eden Cemetery of Kibbutz Ein HaKarmel near his birthplace.

Professor Caspi earned the doctorate in ancient Near Eastern Studies from the University of California at Berkeley. A prolific writer, engaged scholar and educator, he promoted the knowledge of poetry, especially Yemenite poetry, on the Arabian Peninsula, provided leadership in the American Association of Professors of Hebrew, and was co-convenor of the Seminar in Biblical Characters in Three Traditions (Judasism, Christianity, Islam) at the Annual International Meetings of the Society of Biblical Literature.

He is survived by his wife, Gila, their son, Avshalom (Terrie), a professor at Duke University, and a host of distraught colleagues and friends.