

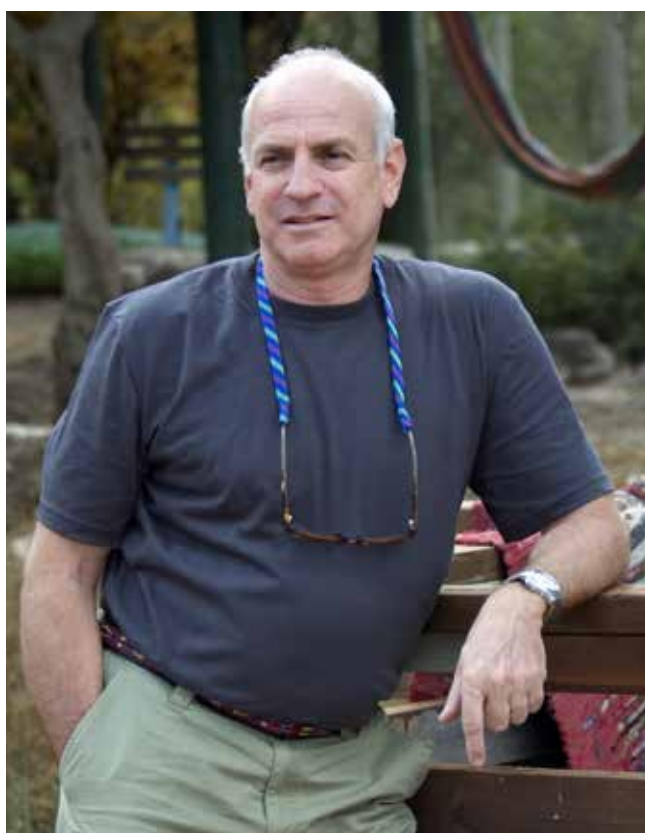
# Shmuel Halevi 1951 - 2020

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This article is a tribute to Shmuel Halevi, the eminent Chinese medicine practitioner, educator and writer who lived and worked in Israel.

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When I was asked as the Chairman of the Israeli Association for Chinese medicine to write about Shmuel Halevi, I was sincerely moved. As one of the founding fathers of Chinese medicine in Israel, Dr. Halevi wrote and promoted Chinese medicine and was an ambassador for this amazing and profound art of healing - both in Israel and around the world - by publishing widely in Hebrew and in English, particularly in the *Journal of Chinese Medicine*.

He was a true believer in the importance of self-healing, promoting it through his website ([www.acumedico.com](http://www.acumedico.com)) and by learning, writing about and teaching traditional healing. He practised Chinese medicine from the early 1980s until 2020 and dedicated his life to it. As a teacher he

also helped to develop Chinese medicine in Israel to what it is today - widely available in primary care and in most hospitals. He was one of the main advocates who pushed towards the legitimacy of Chinese medicine in Israel as a complementary medicine that should go hand in hand with conventional medicine.

Dr. Halevi aspired throughout his life to expand his professional ability to cure patients. He enjoyed tremendous satisfaction and encouragement from his many successes. He studied and researched constantly and developed unique and revolutionary treatment methods, some of which have been published as case studies (and some of which are still not published). He was selected as one of 40 leading TCM therapists to publish a case in the book *Acupuncture in Practice - Case History Insights from the West* (Churchill Livingstone, 1997). Dr Halevi's commitment to the Chinese healing arts did not end there - he was also a tai chi teacher.

Thank you Shmuel for leading and paving the path for us to walk.

With great appreciation for your work and life.

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