

Olsen & Messinas Travel Fellowship to Greece in memory of Laurette Nahmias-Olsen

The Fellowship is established by Dr. Elias V. Messinas, *Int'lAssocAIA* Architect in the memory of the late Laurette (Leah) Nahmias – Olsen.

Mrs. Olsen was born in Istanbul on 31 July 1927. Her family came from Spain and made their way to Turkey via Greece and Cyprus. Her father was a banker. Mrs. Olsen was educated in Oxford and worked as a translator for the UN. She was also a teacher and late in her life worked as a guide for the Folks Museum in Oslo. She met her husband Mr. Olsen during the Second World War while helping refugees and moved to Norway. They had no children.

Mrs. Olsen passed away on 30 October 2002. Mrs. Olsen left in her will a percentage of her estate to Kol haKEHILA, the newsletter for the preservation of the Jewish monuments of Greece, created, edited and managed by Dr. Elias V. Messinas, *Int'lAssocAIA* Architect. Dr. Messinas is a practicing architect and for a short period taught at the Technion School of Architecture. Dr. Messinas is the sponsor of the Fellowship.

The Fellowship will be administered at the Technion by the Dean and/or a Professor who is a faculty member of the Technion faculty of Architecture. Starting 2004 the Professor is Prof. Daniel Sheffer.

The Fellowship commenced in 2004.