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Gil Ben-Shlomo, DVM, PhD, DACVO, DECVO
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The ISVO Board was deeply saddened to hear news of the passing of our President, Dr. Gil Ben-Shlomo. Gil joined the ISVO as our webmaster and social media manager in 2012 - a time when the ISVO had absolutely no digital presence. As such, he built from the ground up, a website and Facebook page that continue to serve our international community so well today. He was working on important updates that we will see to fruition in his honor under the leadership of our new President - Dr. Chung-Tien Lin. Gil joined the ISVO Board in 2015 and became our President in 2019.



Gil with members of the ISVO executive committee at the ISVO conference in Beijing, 2019: (from left to right): Gil, Alyson Groth and David Maggs (seated), Kangmoon Seo and CT Lin (standing)

He will be remembered as a passionate educator and role model, especially for those from countries where veterinary ophthalmology is still in its more foundational stages. He was a generous host of international visitors at Iowa State and Cornell Universities where he had already or was scheduled to host 5 of our 20 ISVO scholars. He was a major motivational force and always an "ideas man" within the ISVO as comfortable reaching out to potential sponsors in industry as he was providing words of encouragement to those wondering about a career in ophthalmology. His lectures and labs at international conferences were always sell-outs with attendees commenting equally as much about the personal kindness that Gil showed them while pausing for coffee as they did about the technical skills and knowledge, he conveyed to them.

Our thoughts are with his wife, Anna, and his 2 daughters Roni and Noam.

The ISVO Executive Committee

Editorial

Shalom beloved ISVO President

By *Claudio Peruccio*
Editor of *The Globe*

Reading the many messages of condolence, the outpouring of true esteem and love for Gil, gives the measure of what really matters to most of us and how well our missed President represented those ideals. The recurring expressions are: "Kind and tender man, humble, dedicated, thoughtful, big heart, a genuinely caring person because he cared about the person you are, not the titles you have". "Gil had the ability to warm people's heart and could light up a room with his warmth and positivity". "He is remembered for his smile, the willingness to help, the teaching ability, the kind and gentle approach to animals, the deep love for the family and also for the many hobbies".

In the opinion of many, these traits made Gil an exceptional person, exceptional because he was a man respecting basic principles of social living like kindness, altruism, care, and dedication to his professional work.

Let's consider Gil's lesson of life as the President's message he had no chance to write for this issue of *The Globe*.

Shalom beloved ISVO President.

One more latte, please

By *Bianca Martins*
Editor of *The Globe*

It was 2008. More precisely, Jan 2008. That is when I met Gil. He was a first-year resident then. I had just arrived at University of Florida (UF) for a 6-month sandwich PhD program. It was cold (Florida cold, which actually means freezing for a Brazilian girl). So, Gil introduced me to café lattes. Fun fact: I did not drink coffee prior to moving to USA. I started drinking coffee to help me warm up during the cold Florida weather. But the truth is that I was not a big fan of coffee, I would drink it just to warm up. Until one day, Gil introduced me to café lattes. Oh, my life had changed! I could have the warmth of a coffee, but without the strong taste of coffee (which I now like, by the way). So every once in a while, if the clinic schedule allowed, Gil and I would step away for a quick latte run. He

would look at me and say: "Latte?" He did not even need to say anything else! Just that: "Latte?" and the answer was always "Yes!". We would run to the closest coffee shop to order our drink, and come back discussing the beauty of life in between sips.



Bianca Martins, Kangmoon Seo, and Gil Ben-Shlomo at the 2019 ACVO Conference in Hawaii

When I arrived at Florida, I was nervous, apprehensive, did not know anyone. Some people received me with open arms. Others, not so much. And while those not so friendly individuals were mocking me, I had one guardian angel: Gil. That is what I called him: my guardian angel at UF. He laughed at me when I told him that. But the truth is that, right when I arrived, Gil was one of the only persons to help me feel included. He made sure to include me in discussions, either about clinical cases, ophthalmology knowledge, or life in general. He made sure to make me feel welcomed: he and his family received me at their house for some lovely dinners. He made sure to make my life easier, even by lending me his car on a week that he was going to be away, so I could get to the hospital by car instead of facing the cold weather by bike. Initially I thought he was being that nice because we were both foreigners, and he knew how difficult it was when a foreigner arrived in a different country, facing a new world, etc. I was wrong. He would have done that for anyone. He would have done that for another foreigner, for an American, for a Martian or alien directly from a distant galaxy. That's who he was. A wonderful guy that wanted to make sure that people were taken care of. And he was the best at that. I now have my own espresso machine and prepare my latte every morning (with added caramel just for extra sweetness).

Gil, today, tomorrow, and from then on, my lattes will be in your honor. I will forever miss you.

Obituary

By Ron Ofri, DVM, PhD, DECVO
Hebrew University of Jerusalem - Israel

On Thursday, Oct 22nd, Dennis Brooks called to tell me that Gil Ben-Shlomo had passed away the previous evening. It was 05:30 in Florida, and it was still dark outside, but Dennis called me because he felt I should be the first to know. That's because 15 years earlier Gil had been a PhD student in my laboratory. It was through his PhD work that Gil met Dennis, and went on to an amazing career in veterinary ophthalmology.

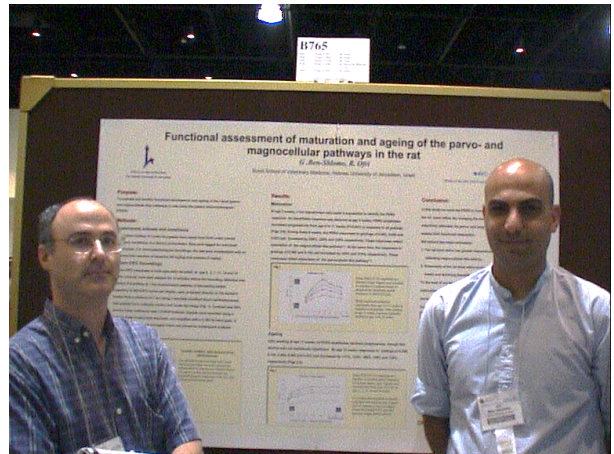
Gil is a graduate of the class of 1999 of the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. Following his graduation, he worked for a couple of years in a private clinic that he opened, but he quickly realized that "he wants more from life". At that time, I was looking for a PhD student for my laboratory, and thus Gil's desire to expand to new horizons coincided perfectly with my search for a graduate student. I did not hesitate for a minute. From his days as a student in our school, I knew Gil to be a hard-working, intelligent and devoted veterinarian.



Gil at work

When I interviewed him for the post I asked him why he was interested in a research career, and he replied "I don't want to be an end user, I want to understand what I am doing". I shall never forget

this answer, which really defined Gil as a veterinarian and scientist who always wanted to know, learn and understand more. And indeed, Gil fulfilled the expectations that both of us had of him. He finished his PhD (on the electrophysiology of glaucoma) with eight original research papers that were published in leading scientific journals, 12 abstracts in international meetings, three of which won awards at those meetings, including "best meeting paper" in ECVO 2003 and ISCEV 2005, and a travel grant to the 2004 ARVO meeting (pictured below), his first international conference.



Ron Ofri and Gil Ben-Shlomo at the 2004 ARVO meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL

The years that Gil devoted to ophthalmic research in my laboratory made it clear to him that he found the love of his life (in addition to Anna, Roni and Noam, who were his true loves). Thus, upon finishing his PhD in 2006 he travelled to the University of Florida (where I studied 15 years earlier) where he completed a residency program and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists. As befitting someone who was a teacher and researcher at heart, Gil chose an academic career and joined the faculty of Iowa State University where he worked for nine years. A year ago, he moved to Cornell University where he served as an Associate Professor at the time of his sudden death.

I could go on writing about Gil's many academic achievements. He trained numerous students, veterinarians and residents in veterinary ophthalmology. He published another 34 research papers, on top of the eight published during his PhD. He frequently lectured in international meetings, served as President of the International Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology, and in the

coming months two books that he co-edited will be published.



(from left to right) Enry Garcia, Gil Ben-Shlomo, and Richard McMullen at the IEOC Symposium

But alongside the “dry” biographical facts, what most impressed me about Gil is how he “conquered the world” and the number of people he touched during his professional career. During the first 48 hours after his death, I received more than 100 e-mails, WhatsApp messages and telephone calls from friends and colleagues who contacted me to ask what had happened and to express their condolences. It was touching, heartwarming and impressive to see this worldwide display of love. I received e-mails from every corner of Europe and the USA, as well as Mexico, Brazil, Japan, South Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan, India, Sri Lanka... all testimony to how many people appreciated Gil as an ophthalmologist, teacher and researcher. And more importantly, how much they loved Gil as a person.



Gil teaching a student how to perform a fundic exam



(from left to right) David Maggs and Gil Ben-Shlomo enjoy a meal in Beijing, 2019.

In a way, I was less struck by the messages of people who knew him well and worked with him in Florida, Iowa or New York. If you were close to Gil, you would love him. That’s a given. I was more struck by how people who were not close to Gil spoke about him - people who had met him just once or twice in some conference. Even though they barely knew him, he touched them deeply. Here are quotes from two letters I received that sum it up. The first is from an American colleague who wrote “I am so heart broken. He has been with me in my clinic. Our clinic Maltese who does not like men, LOVED him. The Maltese would follow Gil around everywhere and sit on his lap. He so loved his family. He was proud of his daughters and the achievements of his wife. The last time we met was at the ACVO conference in Hawaii. I was complimenting him on his work. He stopped me; said I was just being silly. He grabbed me and gave me a bear hug.”



Gil with Lionel Sebbag, Ron Ofri, and the Israeli team

And on the other hand, a mail I received from an Indonesian veterinarian who met Gil just once in her life and wrote “Two years ago I met an

ophthalmologist from Iowa State University at the WSAVA Congress in Singapore. He was a very friendly and compassionate person with a charismatic smile. I told him that I really want to be an ophthalmologist. He said he will be glad to help me, and encouraged me to pursue my dream.” This really sums up Gil. He not only pursued his own dreams, he also helped others pursue their dreams.

On Tuesday, Oct 27th 2020, Gil was laid to rest in the Jerusalem mountains that he loved so much. May he rest in peace.

Acknowledgements



From the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists

*By Wendy Townsend and Rachel Allbaugh
On behalf of the ACVO members*

How can we possibly begin to capture all the characteristics that made Gil Ben-Shlomo (DACVO 2012) such a beloved colleague and friend? We can list his achievements, as there are many: he earned his DVM and a PhD in Neurobiology and Ophthalmology from Koret School of Veterinary Medicine, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel. He completed his comparative veterinary ophthalmology residency at the University of Florida and joined the faculty at Iowa State University as an Assistant Professor in 2010, progressing to Associate Professor with tenure in 2016. In 2019, Gil left Iowa State for an Associate Professor position at Cornell University’s College of Veterinary Medicine, where he quickly became an integral member of the Section of Ophthalmology in the Cornell University Hospital for Animals, the Department of Clinical Sciences and the College of Veterinary Medicine. He won the 2014 ISU Early Career Achievement in Research Award as well as multiple awards for research presented at international conferences. His research was both innovative as well as providing a bridge from the bench-top to the patient.

We can list his service to the ACVO for which we are very grateful. He was an Editorial Board Member for the Journal of Veterinary

Ophthalmology and served on the ABVO Residency Committee. This year he was an incoming member of the ABVO Exam Committee. He happily gave up time on the beach to speak at our General Practitioner’s course at the Annual Meeting in Hawaii. Of course he would, because Gil was always willing to help and always so happy to share his love of ophthalmology.



Gil at a Conference

We can list his skills as a teacher, mentor, and role model. Only then do we start to capture the breadth of the man that Gil was and the impact that he made with his life. Gil served as a valued teacher to students with past students commenting: “He was such an outstanding professor and human”; “He was so full of charisma and made learning really fun.” He personally started the student Ophthalmology Club when he came to ISU, which remains a strong and active club to this day. Gil was a mentor to seven past or present ISU residents and a well-respected clinician scientist. In the clinic, Gil was always known for the generous number of treats he would give patients (even diabetics!), his warm and welcoming demeanor, and wonderful smile. Always his signature smile that radiated a caring and joy.

The sadness and the touching remembrances shared from around the world are a beautiful tribute to life of our friend, taken from us and from his family far too soon. May our memories of how generously and passionately he lived his life inspire us to share more smiles, more treats, and more ophthalmology, and hold our loved ones close and be sure they know how very precious they are.





From the Latin American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists

By Andrea Kuner and Paula Galera
On behalf of the CLOVE members,

The members of The Latin American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (CLOVE) are saddened to hear of the sudden loss of Dr. Gil Ben-Shlomo, especially in this difficult year when plans had to be postponed indefinitely, research and classes were suspended. He was a brilliant professional, mentor, friend and inspirer who has always sought to use the power of our specialty to unite different schools and individuals in sharing science. We hope to be able to honor your memory through your examples and the legacy you left us.



Gil Ben-Shlomo with ISVO scholarship alumni Viska Widyaastuti (right) and attendees of the 2019 ISVO Conference in Beijing, China



From the Brazilian College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists

By Paula Galera and Fabiano Montiani
On behalf of the CBOV members

The members of the Brazilian College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (CBOV) are in solidarity with the entire community of Veterinary Ophthalmologists, co-workers, students, advisers, and especially Dr. Ben-Shlomo's family in this very sad moment. Gil, as he was always called here, has

made several visits to Brazil and became a true scientific reference in Equine Ophthalmology and ERG.

Through his empathy, friendship, and professionalism, Gil has made many, many friends. His sincere smile and kindness will be deeply missed and remembered. We believe the best lesson he ever taught was making us care more about each other in the first place and how to laugh in the face of adversity. We are certain that his work will be forever present in the skills of the professionals he helped to train in our country. That is a true legacy. Our hearts are with his family in this time of sorrow.



Gil, Bianca Martins (left) and Paula Galera (right) at the 2016 WSAVA/ISVO Congress in Cartagena, Colombia



From the East European Society of Veterinary Ophthalmology

By Ireneusz Balicki, Alexandra Trbolova
On behalf of the EESVO members

Another annual ECVO Congress... Prof. Gil Ben-Shlomo discusses the research on an ex vivo model of equine corneal wound healing. We were so impressed. What fantastic research, this model is the future of research regarding corneal healing. During the lunch break we talk and congratulate Gil on his study results. Clearly, we were not the only one impressed by this project - that year Gil won the first price for an oral presentation during

the annual meeting. Gil received the award, and showed up again on a stage as a surprised, humble and kind man.

From the very beginning, from the very first meeting, Gil was kind, open, willing to cooperate and charismatic. Gil was a great lecturer, a great teacher and specialist. He loved scientific projects and new challenges; despite the contrary he appreciated the work at the University. Gil was always honest, he shared both good and bad experiences with us. That is why keeping in touch with him was so easy - we planned research, exchanged views on many topics and invited Gil as the main speaker at the 5th EESVO Conference.



Alexandra Trbolova, Gil Ben-Shlomo, Maria Lapšianska, and Agnieszka Balicka in Košice, Slovakia, 2019

Last autumn, Gil came to Poland. He is well known in Eastern Europe not only from meetings, but he hosts a lot of young vets in the USA. All those who knew him personally expressed great satisfaction that we invited Gil to Poland and talked about him in superlatives. Gil was a lecturer who easily combined the latest scientific knowledge with practice. During breaks, he was always surrounded by a large crowd who wanted to greet him and talk to him. He always had time for everyone. We will always remember these open conversations about research, cooperation of ophthalmology organizations and differences between Europe and the USA.



Gil lecturing at the 2019 EESVO Conference in Košice, Slovakia

As many of us were in constant contact, and scientific discussions, we exchanged views on the role and future of ISVO. He had an open mind and open heart, he always listened. Gil had a talent to connect the people, he was building strong international bonds which was interrupted by the terrible and unbelievable announcement.

We all couldn't believe that Gil left. How could this happen? He had so many, many years ahead of him, he was active, full of potency, optimistic, a man who should not have left, certainly not now. I have known Gil since his time as a student, when he started studying veterinary medicine at our university in Košice, Slovakia. Already as a student he was great, always interested in everything. I was very happy and proud to be his teacher and I was even more pleased to see how quickly he progressed in ophthalmology specialization and what he achieved. He did not forget us, always kind, smiling, helpful, even when he stands on the Olymp of ophthalmological glory. I bow with respect before him, before his measureless humanity, support and friendship.



(from left to right) Maria Lapšianska, Agnieszka Balicka, Jowita Zwolska, Ireneusz Balicki, Alexandra Trbolova, Piotr Dębiak, Gil Ben-Shlomo, Olga Siva, and Mateusz Szadkowski during the 5th EESVO Conference in Łódź, Poland, 2019

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Gil, you are with us and we will always remember you as an extraordinary person whom everyone liked and respected for your wisdom and good heart. We miss you, we will never forget you, thank you.



Israeli team during the ECVO Conference in Florence, Italy, 2018. (From left to right) Oren Pe'er, Michal Shelach, Gil, Dikla Arad, Raya Ilia Ezra, Ron Ofri, Havi Tzarfati, Shai Sandalon, Yifat Segev, Nili Kahana and Lionel and his wife.



Memories, anecdotes ...

From Cornell University

By Filipe Espinheira Gomes, DVM, DACVO
Cornell University

Gil was a gentle soul with a kind heart that was easy to spot from a distance. One of my favorite memories of him was when I was accepted for my residency position elsewhere while interviewing at Florida – Gil’s heartfelt and sincere congratulations stood out to me given that he was someone that I had just met. His reaction really was testament to his altruistic persona.

Gil joined the Cornell University-College of Veterinary Medicine in 2019. He already was an accomplished academic and skilled veterinary ophthalmologist, and we were excited to have him

join our team. He hit the ground running and shortly after his arrival had his lab fully functional. He had several projects ongoing, many involving students and residents. During his short time with us, he built a reputation of being a team builder, dependable collaborator and was well loved and respected by students and his colleagues. I will always admire how much he accomplished during his time with us.



Cornell Ophthalmology team and family

Native to Israel, he was very connected to his family and culture. He leaves behind an amazing wife, 2 wonderful daughters and 2 boxers that he dearly loved. His family was his biggest accomplishment, and served as the solid foundation for him to achieve so much in life. Gil had a good sense of humor and he was well loved by all that knew him well. His family, friends, colleagues and anyone who was fortunate to know him will miss his presence for the rest of their lives.

We are all grieving his premature departure; however, his footprint will persevere within his family and friends, and his legacy is immortalized by all of his accomplishments and the lives that he touched. Thinking of him warms my heart despite the devastation I feel for his loss. May his memory be a blessing.



*From University of Florida**By Caryn Plummer, DVM, DACVO
University of Florida*

I first met Gil in 2006 when he came to Florida to visit Dennis Brooks. I did not know at the time that I had just met someone who would become so dear to me. The next year, Gil returned to do his residency with us. As my trainee, Gil put me through my paces. He had strong opinions and (with a sparkle in his eye) a love of debate, as long as it didn't happen first thing in the morning. A morning person, Gil was not. Thank goodness for coffee! And treats! Whenever Gil was on clinic duty, our treat budget sky-rocketed. He was very generous and patient with his patients, even the weird ones.

*Gil evaluating a manatee at Crystal River, FL*

During his time at UF, Gil was a favorite of the students. Since his passing, I have been contacted by so many of his former students expressing their thanks and sadness. He inspired so many aspiring ophthalmologists, and even more who have not chosen our path. I knew he was well-loved, but I did not realize how widely and broadly he was loved and respected until the email tributes started pouring in after we received the sad news of his passing. As a naturally gregarious and friendly person, he made contacts all over the world and touched many lives and minds and hearts.

*Gil Ben-Shlomo, Hiroki Tsujita (front) and students at University of Florida*

I looked back through my "Gil" files after I heard the news of his passing, mostly hoping to find photographs so I could see his smile again, and I came across the letter of reference that I wrote for him when he applied for his first faculty position at Iowa State University after he completed his residency. I wrote that he was "an intelligent, diligent and caring individual. He has a keen scientific mind, a good rapport with patients, clients and students and an easy teaching style. Gil is a model clinician-scientist and will ably be a 'triple threat' in teaching, research and clinics..." Gosh, that sounds so sterile. I'm embarrassed now. While all of that was completely true, it does not capture Gil. Gil was big and open and kind. He was genuine and stubborn and thoughtful. He always had a smile and a hug if you needed one. I literally ran into him at ACVO a couple of years ago while I was walking and reading my email on my phone and he scooped me up and laughed as he told me to be careful and look where I'm going otherwise, I'd risk running into a tall, dark man.

Our veterinary ophthalmology community has lost a giant. Peace be with you, my friend. Go Gator...



Gil and one of his beloved dogs



From Iowa State University

*By Lionel Sebbag, DVM, PhD, DACVO
Iowa State University - USA
(Currently Koret School of Veterinary Medicine -
Israel)*

After completing an ophthalmology residency at the University of Florida, Gil joined Iowa State University as a faculty member in 2010 and remained there for 9 years. With passion, dedication, enthusiasm and countless smiles, Gil was fundamental in shaping the ISU ophthalmology service into a nationally and internationally renowned department.

Gil adored his job and would do anything to spread the word and rally ophtho-enthusiasts to the cause. With open arms, Gil hosted many brilliant scholars from around the world and was convinced we have much to learn from each other. Gil also created a very successful ophthalmology club for veterinary students at ISU, volunteering his time to provide additional learning experiences to the next generation of veterinarians: a morning talk about the beauty and challenges of the fundic

exam, an afternoon wet lab on ‘common ocular surgeries for the general practitioner’, and so on.



Iowa State University Ophthalmology team

Our paths crossed at the 2015 ACVO career fair during my last year of residency at UC Davis. “Look no more”, he said, “you will double the Jewish population in Ames Iowa if you come work with me”. A slight exaggeration, perhaps, but Gil could be very persuasive. “Where do I sign?” I replied, as I could not wait to work with such an incredible doctor and human being. There, Gil was my faculty mentor – teaching me to successfully juggle between clinics, research, and teaching – and a very close friend.



Lionel Sebbag (green shirt) and Gil Ben-Shlomo in Ames - IA

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In fact, I was very fortunate to be next door neighbor (sharing a fence!) with the Ben-Shlomo family. We would gather for Jewish holidays and Shabbat dinners, share life stories around a backyard fire pit, play badminton over the fence, sit in the driveway drinking hot cider and giving goodies to neighborhood kids on cold/snowy Halloween night, and laugh at the barking contest between his two adorable Boxer dogs (Lily and Shoshi) and my 'mighty' Chihuahua Winston. Winston was not a big fan of people, to say the least, but somehow - with patience, perseverance & love - Gil became his best friend over the years. I will forever cherish the fond memories of Gil and his beautiful family, like the 1-year birthday celebration of my son Jacob (picture below). Gil would manage to arrive late to such parties - blaming the long distance and heavy traffic to get to my home ☺ - but his arrival would immediately bring joy to all. I also remember my first attendance at a dance competition, watching Gil and Anna cheer for their daughters (Noam and Roni) at the Stephens auditorium in Ames. The proud look in their eyes was priceless.



(from left to right) Rachel Allbaugh, Braidee Foote, Lionel Sebbag, and Gil Ben-Shlomo at Lionel's son birthday party, Ames IA

Gil impacted my life in so many ways, both personally and professionally; he made me a better ophthalmologist, researcher, teacher, and - more importantly - a better person. Reading all the memorials on our ListServe and social media, it comforts me to know that Gil had the same positive impact on countless other people around the world.

Gil, I will miss your ready smile and *joie de vivre*.
עליו השלום



By Dave Whitley, DVM, DACVO

Dr. Rachel Allbaugh did an amazing job of putting into words all of our thoughts about Gil. Here are a few of my humble thoughts.

Gil was, and I hate saying was, a loving and caring husband, father, son and brother to his family. He was a loyal, thoughtful and compassionate friend. Gil was a clever investigator, a gifted educator, and a talented veterinary ophthalmologist. He asked and answered very basic and provoking questions for our specialty. We who had the great opportunity to know him, are better people by his association, and our specialty is better because of his contributions.



Gil at the Great Wall of China, 2019

I met Gil Ben-Shlomo when he was a first-year resident at the University of Florida. In 2010, our paths crossed again when he was recruited as a faculty member to Iowa State University. It was a pleasure and an honor to work with Gil from 2010 to 2014. During our time in Ames, Iowa our families lived only a few blocks apart which made our times together geographically easier and created great and lasting memories. I feel fortunate to have been able to offer recommendations for Gil during his recruitment to Cornell University, and more recently offer a recommendation for tenure at that institution.

It is very, very easy to say nice things about such a nice and lovely gentleman. Gil was a gentle, kind caring, warm, and humble man. Yet, at one time he was a decorated warrior in Israel.

Gil you are missed by all who knew you.
Rest in peace my friend, we love you.



IN MEMORY OF GIL BEN-SHLOMO

<https://gf.me/u/y763rz>

By Lionel Sebbag, Caryn Plummer,
Rachel Allbaugh, Ron Ofri



Gil Ben-Shlomo's lovely family: Noam, Anna, Gil, and Roni

Dear friends,

Gil's sudden loss reminds us to cherish time with our loved ones and to provide support in times of need. For those looking to offer their support to Gil's family (Education funds, others), we ask that you consider making a donation to this GoFundMe campaign, and encourage you to please share with your network of friends & family. 100% of funds raised will go directly to his family.

<https://gf.me/u/y763rz>

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you in advance for your generosity and compassion.



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