

Introduction of the Organizer

The year 2025 is one of the most difficult, but also striking years at my life.

The tragedy of October 7 strongly spoiled our life.

For a long while I was not able to think about something else, besides the ongoing war.

In July 2024 I spent almost all time at Hospital Soroka,

at the branch, which was ruined during the Iranian bombing at the end of June 2025.

Fortunately, doctors there resolved my problems with heart and lungs.

Full recovering afterwards took a few months.

On January 28 my elder brother Iosif died at Yokneam at the age 89.

My middle sister Fira with the two my grandmothers Tzipa Klin and Ryslya Katz (virgin Beilis)

were killed at Babi Yar, Kiev at the very end of September 1941.

With the death of Iosif it became clear,

that I am fully responsible for the keeping all the links with my past, both family and scientific ones.

Recall that my Alma Mater is Kiev State University.

With my teacher LAK we were lucky to start a new branch,

at what is currently called AGT.

See the links below about LAK:

[Biography by R. Pöschel](#)

[Wikipedia](#)

[MacTutor](#)

A few months later on,

I decided to arrange an Event at BGU at the framework of my former Seminar on AC.

Recall that I am retired, not Emeritus. Everything is done on a fully volunteer level.

Fortunately, the idea was supported by The Center for Advanced Studies in Mathematics,

guided by Professor Michael Lin, see:

[Center for Advanced Studies in Mathematics](#)

[Michael Lin](#)

[Wikipedia](#)

At the beginning, there were ambitions to organize a full international conference.

Unfortunately, a dozen + of the world level experts at AGT, CA. and GAP, in particular,

step by step rejected my invitation, due to diverse reasons,

including even political ones. A few of them were simply keeping silence.

Finally, everything happened, due to the brave reaction of [Bogdana Oliynyk](#) and [Peteris Daugulis](#).

With their confirmation, the Event finally reached the current form.

Matan Ziv-Av, my former PhD student, served as an informal co-organizer.

A kind support of Shirly Shachar and Elena Zak was very helpful.

Last but not least,

we kindly thank all the lecturers and participants.

Sincerely,

Misha Klin