

A Tribute to Albert Chammah

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CAPS member, Professor Albert Chammah, left his last prison, Parkinson's Disease, last month. Albert left his first prison (not counting the birth canal) at the age of 17, not knowing that his birthplace, Aleppo, in Syria was a place that would expel all of the thousand-year-old Jewish community of which he was a promising young member.

Between those two events, Albert managed to gain a PhD, and an education from real engineering to social engineering, which culminated in his professorship at University of Texas and a global reputation in the field.

Albert let me see a sly and wry sense of humor in the midst of our battles with Parkinson's. Albert knew that my Dumitru name comes from Transylvania (Dracula Country), and that I would know the historical story of Aleppo, Syria, and Israel. When I asked him what subjects interested him, he said, "Conflict Management". Of course, I burst out laughing and said, "How appropriate".

Albert's book, co-authored with Prof Rapoport, is "Prisoner's Dilemma". (ISBN-10: 0472061658)

Thank you, Albert.