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Father of Modern Organic Chemistry in Iran and the first Jewish Dean at Tehran University, Professor Iraj Lalezari, encompassed priceless values and broke boundaries as a scientist, as an educator and as a Jewish individual, to both learn about the world as well as share his discoveries in return.

He studied the blood that runs through human veins, he studied the flowers that bloom from the earth, the nutrients that our bodies convert into energy – proving that his devotion to science was more than a lifetime of study – it was a devotion to life.

On October 27th, 2019; producer and director Abbas Hojat Panah presented his documentary Professor Iraj Lalezari at Neman Hall, bringing closure to the esteemed Lalezari family and all those affected by Professor Lalezari's work. The film and stories told by close friends and family, beautifully highlighted the legacy left behind by the innovative and selfless scientist.

He was and will remain a representative of the Iranian and Iranian Jewish community as evidence to the world and to younger Iranians that our culture and religion are not barriers; that the future is completely theirs to create and develop. All it takes are carefully tended values such as education, persistence, tenacity, art, community, and family. We humbly but proudly thank Professor Lalezari and his family for their great service to the Iranian nation and to the world.