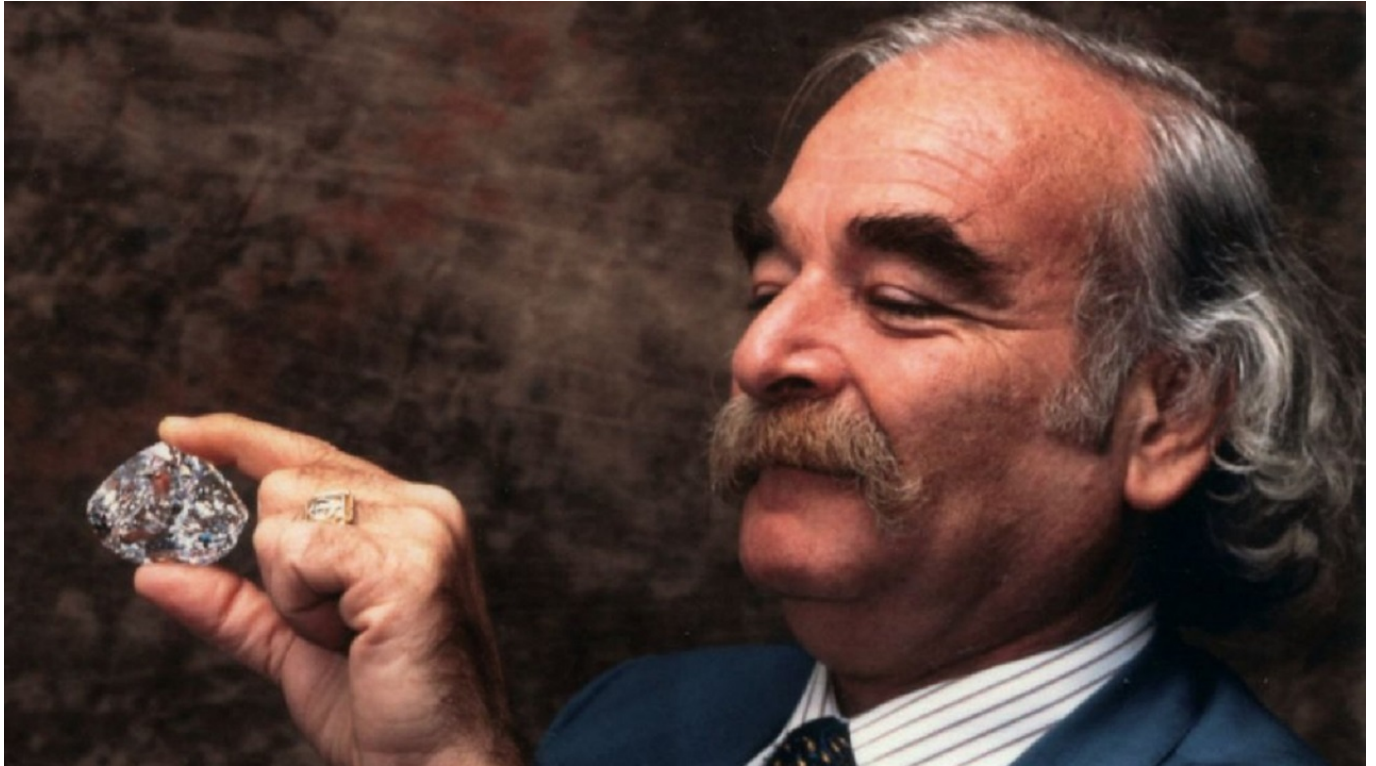


## In Memoriam: Rapaport Honors Those in the Trade We Lost This Year



The diamond and jewelry industry is a tight-knit group, with many interwoven connections. Throughout the year, we mourned the loss of 12 long-standing members, including renowned cutters, organization heads, designers, inventors, retailers and journalists.

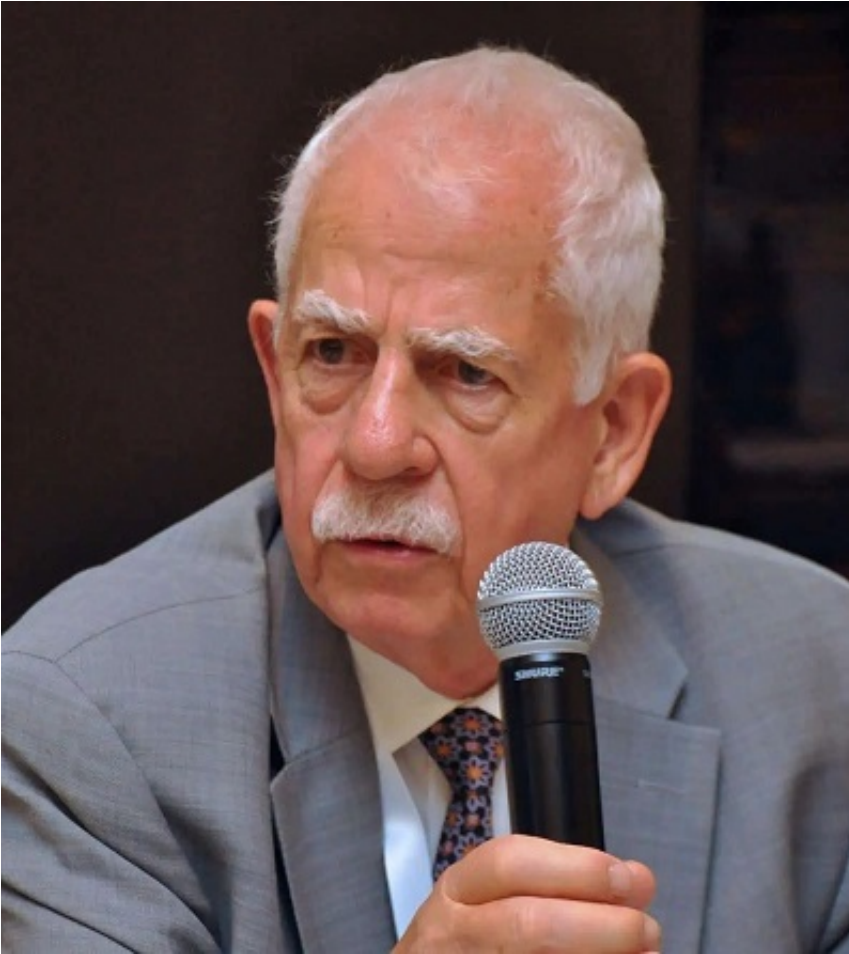
Here, we remember those who have died but are not forgotten, and their contributions to the trade.



[Israel Itzkowitz](#) — Esteemed diamond polisher and coinventor of the princess cut:  
February 18



[Jerry Ehrenwald](#) — Former president of the North American division of the International Gemological Institute (IGI): March 6



[Roland Naftule](#) — Gem dealer, founding organizer and first president of the American Gem Trade Association (AGTA): April 1





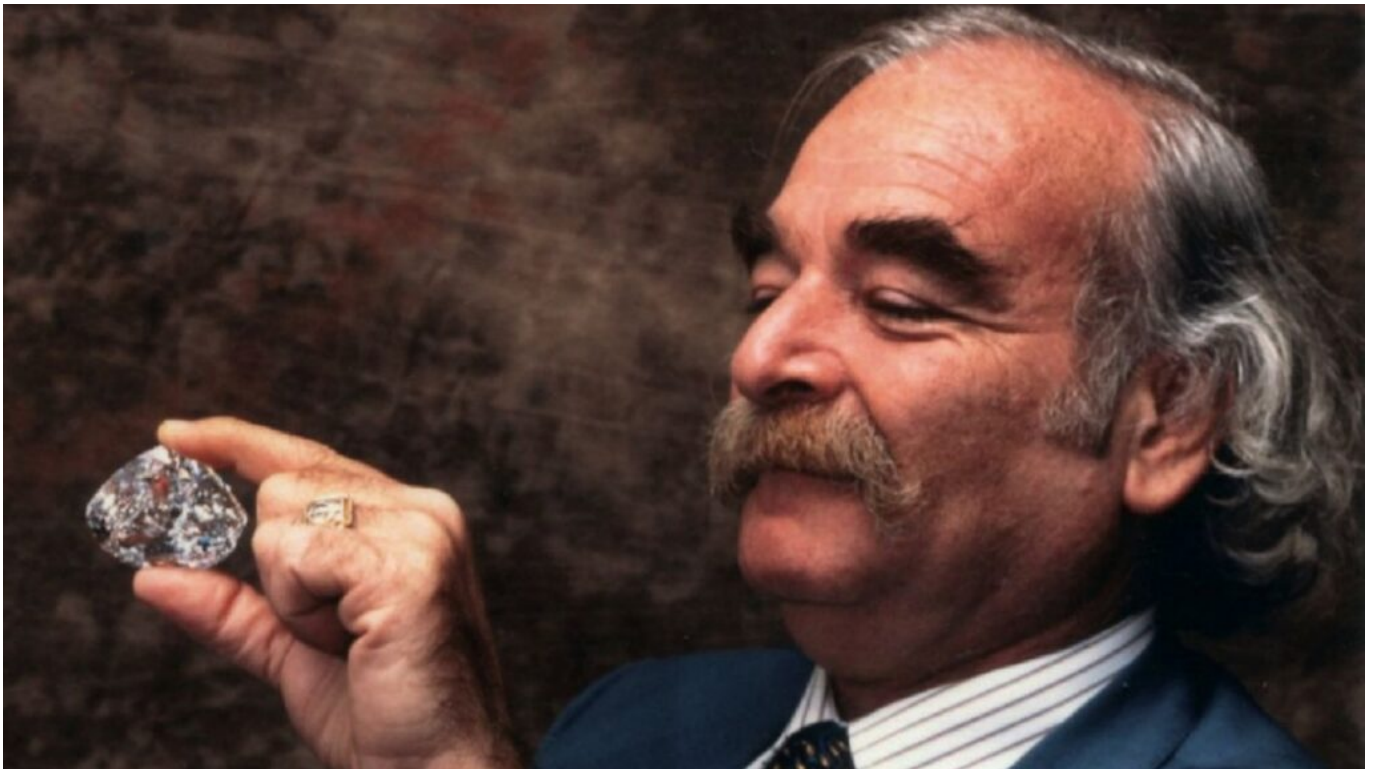
[Kate Peterson](#) — Jewelry consultant: April 12



[Zvi Yehuda](#) — One of the founders of the Israeli diamond industry and the inventor of numerous products for the trade, including the Sherlock Holmes machine: May 6



[Harry Levy](#) — Former president of the London Diamond Bourse (LDB): May 15



[Gabriel "Gabi" Tolkowsky](#) — One of the world's most revered diamond cutters: May 28





[Julian Ogilvie Thompson](#) — Former chairman and CEO of De Beers and parent company Anglo American: August 11



[Hedda Schupak](#) — Former editor in chief of *JCK*: October 3



[Loyd Charles Stanley](#) — Second-generation Arkansas jeweler: October 4



[Isaac Siton](#) — Manager of Grandview Klein Diamonds' Namibia factory; killed in the Hamas attacks on Israel: October 7



[Henry Paul Dunay](#) — Jeweler and designer: November 10

*Main image: Sir Gabriel Tolkowsky holding the Centenary Diamond. (Facebook)*