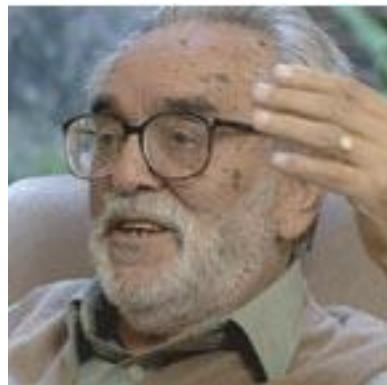


# In Memoriam



## **Salvador Minuchin, M.D.**

**1921- 2017**

**Salvador Minuchin, MD., a renowned psychiatrist, who was noted for his structural model of family therapy, had outlived most of his contemporary family therapists, when he died at 96 at a nursing facility in Boca Raton, Florida. He was so well known that the mere mention that "Sal has died", would be enough for most family therapists and many other people around the world to know the news referred to Dr.**

**Minuchin. He was one of the pioneers and leaders of the branch of family therapy that focused on bringing the family into therapy after starting with their child, as differentiated from the branch that started with a marital couple and added the family.**

**He was a native Argentinian, born October 13, 1921 in San Salvador, a town north of Buenos Aires. He earned a medical degree in 1947. He worked with children with diabetes and with entire families to help them get their anorexic daughters to eat properly. Later he migrated to**

**Israel, where he practiced psychotherapy. In the 1950s he came to New York City, to the William Alanson White Institute, where he was introduced to the thinking and theories of Harry Sack Sullivan, a psychiatrist who influenced many clinicians who became family therapists.**

**Although he practiced therapy at several places and wrote books about some of the populations with whom he worked, he may be most known and appreciated by therapists for his teaching and training of family therapists at the Child Guidance Clinic in Philadelphia from 1965 to 1975. In 1981 he founded what became the Minuchin Clinic. He retired in 1996.**

**Dr. Minuchin was predeceased by his wife, the former Patricia Patrick, PhD, a developmental psychologist who died in 2015. He is survived by two children, Daniel Minuchin (Brooklyn, NY) and Jean Minuchin (Boca Raton, Florida), grandchildren, and a sister.**

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**IFTA members may remember with pleasure Minuchin's appearance at the IFTA World Family Congresses:**

- His birthday celebration in Jerusalem in 1996
- "[Conversations Between Old Friends](#)" at the 2013 Congress in Orlando, Florida, USA, a plenary session when Minuchin and Celia Faes Falicov, PhD., talked about his current thinking on changes and treatment approaches.