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NEWS IN BRIEF

IN MEMORIAM

Hester Katz

We have recently learned that Hester Katz, one of the initial members of AATQ, died in the autumn of 1990. Hester was a young woman of strong character and quick intelligence who worked with dedication on behalf of our early Association and the establishment of our profession. It is Hester's design for our logo which so proudly identifies our letterhead. Hester was active on several committees during our first years. She could always be counted on to work last minute on the many items which seemed spontaneously to arise during those early days. Whether it was graphic design or a layout, Hester's visual conceptions challenged us to attend with great detail to the work at hand. Over the years, Hester developed a particular interest in art therapy and learning disabilities. Her focus reminds us of the importance of psychological well-being to successful learning processes. Those of us who knew her are saddened by her death. We will all remember with appreciation her contributions to this Association - Nancy Humber.

Tamara Reznick, M.A., A.T.R.

Tamara Reznick - art therapist, nurse, artist, dancer and friend - died December 27, 1990. A 1981 graduate of the Master's in Art Therapy Program at Vermont College of Norwich University, Tamara was among the most active founding members of our Association. She was the first Vice-President of the Association and chaired the Membership Committee from November 1982 to February 1985.

Her art therapy career included the creation of a position as art therapist in the geriatrics department at the SFBD Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, as well as work in adult psychiatry. Her empathic, creative and insightful approach as a psychotherapist was supported by articulate representations on behalf of our field and by consistent work in painting and weaving.

Those who knew Tamara will recall her incisive, fearless intelligence, her wry, self-deprecating sense of humour, her engaging forthrightness, and her never-wavering, never-judgemental concern for professional and personal integrity. These attributes were real assets to the Association in its formative years. On a personal level as well, her spontaneous warmth, sensitivity, and generous spirit touched those near her. Tamara is truly missed among us - Rachel Garber

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