

EMERITUS PROFESSOR IRVING BRECHER passed away in Montreal on February 2nd. All Irving's friends extend their deepest sympathy to Toba, to Irving and Toba's children and grandchildren, and to his brothers, Joe and Michael, our colleague in the Political Science Department. Michael's farewell to Irving, spoken at the funeral, is available [here](#) [.pdf].

Obituary (Montreal Gazette Feb 3)

Irving Brecher, February 1, 1923 - February 2, 2007. Irving passed away peacefully, on February 2, 2007, at the Montreal Chest Institute after a full and productive life of eighty-four years. Irving was a distinguished Professor (Emeritus) of Economics, and a visionary and catalyst for global human rights, democracy, peace and justice. Among his many achievements, he founded the McGill Centre for Developing-Area Studies in 1963. He was also the first joint director of the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics. As well, he was one of the founders of the International Centre for Development and Democracy (now known as Rights and Democracy) in Canada. He authored many seminal papers, books and newspaper articles that have made significant contributions to both academia and world affairs. Irving will be loved forever by his wife of 62 years, Toba (nee Herman); their four children, Rick (and Cynthia), Tom (and Paulina), Ron (and Gail), and Terrie (and Dave); their eight grandchildren Emily, Lauren, Daniel, Jason, Todd, Chelsea, Kellie, and Ryan; his brothers Joe (and Kate) and Mike (and late Eva), his sisters-in-law Minnie and Florence, and many dear nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Funeral service from Paperman and Sons, 3888 Jean Talon St. W., on Tuesday, February 6 at 1 p.m. Burial at the Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom Congregation Section, Mount Royal Cemetery, Mt. Royal Blvd. In lieu of flowers, donations in celebration of Irving's life can be made to the Montreal Chest Institute Foundation, (514)394-1934 Ext.: 32369, or the Heart and Lung Foundation, (514)340-8251. Published in the Montreal Gazette on 2/3/2007.