

Dr Joseph Sonnabend, died in London on the 24th of January 2021, He was an eminent pioneer of AIDS research. He went to school at Milton in Bulawayo and did his medical training at Wits University. His mother and aunt were both general practitioners in Bulawayo. His father was a lecturer in Sociology at the University in Johannesburg. Joseph's father became the first Mayor of Ashkelon in Israel. Joseph went to London where he worked as Virologist and then to New York where he worked as a General Practitioner and Medical Research Worker where he made his scientific discoveries. He eventually retired to London where he lived with his sister Yolanda (an artist and theatre designer) until her death several years ago. Joseph was an excellent pianist and composer. He died of a heart attack at the Wellington Hospital, St John's Wood, in London at the age of 88. Deeply mourned by Doris Hollander and her husband Martin Page.