Rabbi, historian and educator, Ronald Lubofsky AM was born and educated in London. He was Chief Minister of the St Kilda Synagogue, Melbourne for twenty-five years before taking an early retirement to pursue his multitude of interests. He was the founder, mentor and Life President of the Jewish Museum of Australia, a founder and President of the Council of Christians and Jews, the founder and President of the Melbourne Jewish Male Voice Choir and a founder of the Victorian Bookbinders Association. He was associated with Mt Scopus Memorial College for many years, both as a teacher, board member and President of the Board of Governors. He was a gifted teacher and speaker, possessed of a magnificent bass baritone voice, and was a devotee of all types of music. As a passionate Jew with a humane and compassionate outlook on life, he had a warm and wonderful sense of humour and was never without a twinkle in his eyes. A book collector since childhood, his vast library was his greatest pleasure and a valuable community resource.

Eshkolot pays tribute to his life and interests. Its fascinating array of articles by world-renowned scholars, virtually all of whom were friends, colleagues and associates, provides an unparalleled insight to all aspects of the Jewish world of yesterday and today, including history, art, rabbinics and contemporary issues, and will provide the reader with a broad insight into these fields.