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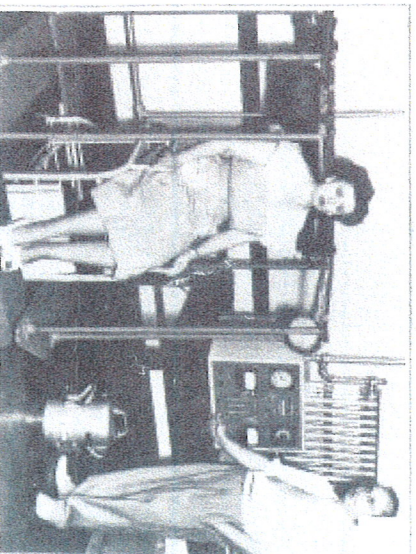
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Daughter gets dad his due

Dr. Saul Hertz honored for pioneering thyroid work
By Elise Kigner
Advocate Staff



Dr. Saul Hertz in 1941 uses a multicounter to examine the distribution of radioactive iodine in a patient. Below: Barbara Hertz, who was only 3 when her dad died.

iodine as a treatment for thyroid diseases.

Some 75 years ago, Dr. Saul Hertz posed a question to the president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The results of their exchange would make medical history – and save lives.

The president, Karl Compton, was presenting a lecture at Harvard Medical School's Vanderbilt Hall on how physics could help biology and medicine. After the lecture, Hertz, director of the Thyroid Clinic at Massachusetts General Hospital, asked Compton: Could iodine be made radioactive artificially?

Compton's response prompted a partnership between MIT and MGH. Hertz teamed up with another Jewish doctor, MIT physicist Arthur Roberts, to embark on research that helped pave the way for the use of radioactive

Today, radioactive iodine is a common treatment for hyperthyroidism – when the body makes too much of the thyroid hormone – and thyroid cancer.

Hertz's contributions, however, went largely unrecognized, in part some suspect because of the anti-Semitism of the time.

Now, through the efforts of his daughter Barbara, the scientist is getting some acknowledgment, albeit belatedly.

Hertz, who died in 1950, will be honored at a reception Jan. 23 at the same Vanderbilt Hall where he had asked that critical question. Dr. Lewis Braverman of Boston Medical Center and Dr. Jeff Garber of Beth Israel-Deaconess

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Poll
Jewish federations in Boston and elsewhere are stepping up efforts to include interfaith families. Which statement do you most agree with::

- Spending on interfaith programs will encourage more families to practice Judaism.
- Such spending sends the wrong message by signaling approval of interfaith marriage.
- New spending would better be directed at programs that educate all members of the Jewish community.
- Unsure.

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