

Preface

This Festschrift is dedicated to Melvyn B. Nathanson by his colleagues, friends, and students. This volume celebrates his many contributions to various areas of number theory. Mel's outstanding career as a mathematician and a public figure resulted in many achievements both in science and in the public arena.

It is appropriate to quote here the tribute of the great I.M. Gelfand to Mel:

I remember Melvyn as a young man attending my seminar in Moscow. He participated in my Rutgers seminar as well and taught us a lot of number theory. I enjoy his love of mathematics and the way he thinks about it. I wish him all the best and expect new wonderful results from him.

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