

# OBITUARIES

## Alan Avrom Naftalin

### Nicholas Naftalin

Former consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Newham University Hospital NHS Trust (b 1949; q Glasgow 1972; FRCOG), died from myeloma on 10 December 2012.

Alan Avrom Naftalin's abiding commitment was to postgraduate medical education, and he served as director of medical education at his trust, responsible to the London Deanery. His clinical interests were in colposcopy and fertility control. After his house jobs, he spent three years in Melbourne where he met and married Doris (Blass), who had just graduated in medicine there. He returned to the UK and after obtaining his MRCOG in 1979 and completing his training in Leicester and at the Royal Free Hospital, he became a consultant at Newham in 1984 and

rose to lead clinician in his department. He was secretary of the Jewish Medical Association (UK) for many years. He was president of the Barts and Royal London Medical School tennis section and a formidable squash and tennis player. He loved his allotment, was a good cook, and was an aficionado of opera. A recent highlight was his selection as a torchbearer for the London Olympics. He bore his illness with strength and dignity, his concern to the end being for those around him. He leaves his wife, Doris, and three children.

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