

# Miriam S. Eldar, FCSI

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MIRIAM S. EL DAR was born Miriam Kohan in Warsaw, Poland, in January 1925, the daughter of Dr. Syrkin Kohan, a bacteriologist, and Dr. David Kohan, a surgeon. In 1940, she escaped the Nazi occupation when her mother took her to Palestine.

Miriam was present when Israel was created, and became a captain in the Israeli Army. She obtained a degree in architecture from the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa; while studying there she met her future husband, Jake Eldar, a structural engineer.

The Eldars emigrated to the New York City in 1957. Miriam later joined the McGraw-Hill publishing company, where she developed electronic information systems for the construction industry. She was project manager for *SweetSpec* and

*SweetSource*, two of the very earliest computer-based applications for the architectural and consulting engineering fields in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

After Miriam retired from McGraw-Hill she continued to work as an independent consultant, working on the founding and subsequent expansion of *Architect's First Source*, which later became part of Reed Construction Data.

Miriam was the first woman to be elected as president of the New York Chapter, CSI. She was the chapter Technical Chair for several years before being chapter president, and served in that position again after being chapter president.

Miriam passed away 29 May 2011, at her home in Water Mill, New York.

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