



Dov Lautman 1936-2013

The founder of Delta,
a man of many talents, a visionary, an
entrepreneur and a leader.

A “people person”, an industrialist,
and the recipient of the Israel prize,
recognized for his unique contribution to
the State of Israel and Israeli society.

May his memory be blessed.



Delta – Founded in 1975. Picture: The late Mr. Dov Lautman and Minister Shimon Peres, currently the President of the State of Israel, at the Carmiel main factory.

Saying a Sad Goodbye to Dov, and Continuing in His Footsteps.

The late **Dov Lautman**, who founded Delta, was much more than a businessman -

Isaac Dabah: “He showed everyone how to combine brilliant business acumen with social involvement, Zionism and public action, at the highest possible level. I have the privilege of following in the footsteps of one whose every action was guided by a love of his fellow man, a sense of mission, wisdom and accountability. We at Delta Galil will continue down the path that Dov had shown us, and the values that Dov exemplified will guide us.”

A Distinguished Individual that We’ve Grown to Know and Love

Dov Lautman was considered one of Israel's leading industrialists. In 1975, he founded Delta, which began with a factory and several hundred employees in Carmiel, and developed over time into a global company at the forefront of its field, that employs thousands of people around the world.

Throughout the years, Dov was active in the public sphere, serving as the President of the Manufacturers Association of Israel and as Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations. He is one of the founders of the “Dor Shalom” (Peace Generation) movement, and was involved in a great many organizations and NGOs that worked to promote a better society, with an emphasis on coexistence and educating the country’s youth. He served as chair of the board of directors of Tel Aviv University and deputy chair of the Abraham Fund, which promotes the coexistence of Jews and Arabs, and was a member of the board of directors of the Peres Center for Peace. Dov had been battling ALS since 2003, a severe condition causing the degeneration of muscle tissue. He fought this battle with dignity and with a level of optimism that has been a source of inspiration to others, but the disease ultimately forced him to resign from his official posts at Delta and elsewhere in the industry. Still, Dov continued his public work and in 2007 received the Israel Prize, in recognition of his unique contribution to the State of Israel and Israeli society at large.

Dov passed away on Saturday, November 23, 2013. He was 77 years old.

He is survived by his son, Noam Lautman (the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Delta) and three grandchildren.