

All papers in this special double issue except for the first one, *On what I do not understand (and have something to say): Part I*, contain material which was presented by Saharon Shelah in his lectures at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in 1995, the year when Shelah turned fifty and finished his 600th paper. The papers were written up by his students who attended the lectures.

The opening paper contains a very personal account of Shelah's views on important problems and directions in modern Set Theory and was added at the invitation of the editors.

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