

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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I greatly enjoyed the review of Israel Dvorine's autobiography by Lynn Brandes.

Israel was a family friend and one of the key people inspiring me to seek a career in the Optometric Profession. In addition to his book that Lynn reviewed, Israel gave me a signed copy of *Analytical Refraction and Orthoptics*, which he first published in 1939 and which went through six printings before its last publication in 1948.

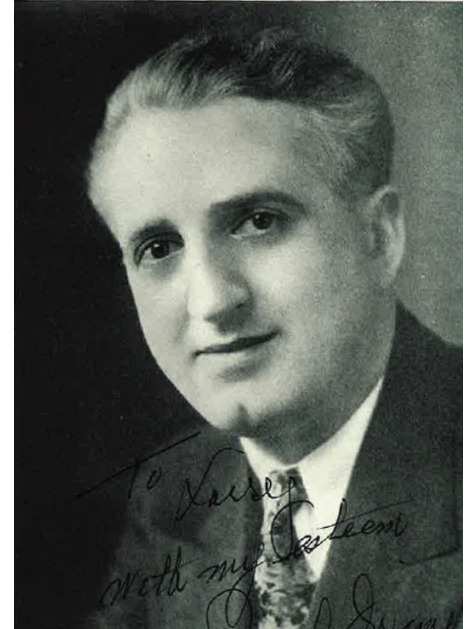
I also own a Dvorine Pseudo-Isochromatic Color Test, which the Civil Aeronautics Administration and Armed Services Material Coordination Committee asked Dr. Dvorine to develop for testing of pilots. In addition to the pseudoisochromatic plates, one of its unique features is a color wheel that can be rotated to individually display circles of color that the patient must identify by name. The color wheel is two-sided, with regular colors on one side and desaturated colors on the reverse.

Personal bias aside, I have always found the Dvorine color test to be more sensitive than the Ishihara Pseudoisochromatic Color Test and use it to this day (with scrupulous protection of the pigments) here in our clinic at the MCPHS University School of Optometry.

I am sending an image of the photo from Dr. Dvorine's book that he signed for me after I told him I was accepted into optometry school.

I don't have a copy of the Dvorine Animated Fusion Training Charts, but I'm always on the lookout for them.

Thanks again for bringing this important pioneer in Optometry (and all-around wonderful person) to our profession's attention.



Israel Dvorine