

## Emanuel Navon 90 Jubilee Tourney

The Israel Chess Composition Society is happy to announce a theme tourney celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Emanuel Navon.

**Theme:** In a helpmate in 2.5 moves (H#2.5), in each solution a white piece needs to move from square **A** to square **B** but cannot do this in one move: it is able to reach square **B** in at least two moves. The white piece must have at least two different ways to reach square **B** but only one of them is correct.

The judges will appreciate problems in which the causes for the incorrect routes are dynamic (active).

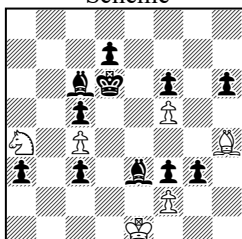
Please send entries to the director, Paz Einat [pazeinat@gmail.com](mailto:pazeinat@gmail.com)

**Deadline: February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 (Emanuel's birthdate)**

**Judge:** Menachem Witztum.

**Examples:**

**A** Emanuel Navon  
Menachem Witztum  
Scheme



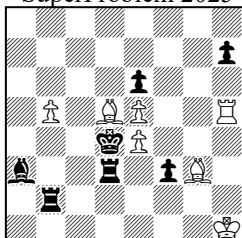
H#2.5 6+11

1... ♖b6 2. ♗c1 ♘d5 3. ♗b2 ♗xg3#  
(1... ♗xc3? 2. ♗c1 ♘d5 3. ♗b2 ♗xg3#??)

The white knight can reach d5 through c3, but the capture of bPc3 will open the line for the bB that hides on b2.



**B** Emanuel Navon  
Menachem Witztum  
SuperProblem 2025



H#2.5 2.1.1.. 7+7

1... ♗h4 2. ♗b4 ♗d8 3. ♗c3 ♗b6# (1... ♗e1? 2. ♗b4 ♗a5?? 3. ♗c3 ♗b6#)

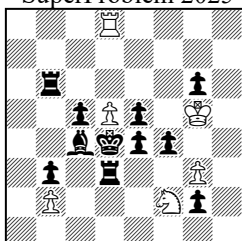
The wB cannot reach b6 through e1-a5 since the bB must reach c3 through b4.

1... ♖xh7 2. ♖e2 ♖c7 3. ♖e3 ♖c4# (1... ♖h2? 2. ♖e2 ♖c2?? 3. ♖e3 ♖c4#)

The wR cannot reach c4 through h2-c2 since bRb2 must reach e3 through e2.



**C** Emanuel Navon  
Menachem Witztum  
SuperProblem 2025



H#2.5 2.1.1.. 6+11

1... ♗d1 2. g1=♗ ♗c3 3. ♗e3 ♗e2# (1... ♗h3? 2. g1=B ♗xf4 3. ♗e3 ♗e2??)

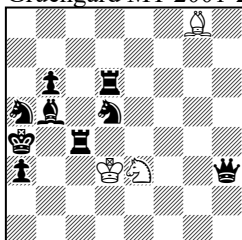
The wS cannot reach e2 through h3-b4 as it will be pinned after 3.Be3.

1... ♖f8 2. ♖d6 ♖xf4 3. ♖xd5 ♖xe4# (1... ♖e8? 2. ♖d6 ♖xe5 3. ♖xd5 ♖xe4??)

The wR cannot reach e4 through e8-e5 as it will be pinned after 3.Rxd5



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H#2.5 2.1.1.. 3+9

1... ♗e2 2. ♗b4 ♗xc4 (♗d5?) 3. ♗d3 ♗xb6#

The wS cannot reach b6 through d5 as it must capture bRc4 to open the line for wBg8.

1... ♗d2 2. ♗b4 ♗xd5 (♗d1?) 3. ♗d3 ♗c3#

The wS cannot reach c3 through d1 as it must capture bSd5 to open the line for wBg8.

