

Together with colleague Stanley Cohen, received the 1986 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their discovery of Nerve growth factor (NGF). In 1987, she received the National Medal of Science, the highest honor in the scientific world of America. She went to work as Giuseppe Levi's assistant, but her academic career was cut short by Benito Mussolini's 1938 Manifesto Della Razza and the introduction of laws barring Jews from academic and professional careers. Today she is the oldest living Nobel laureate.

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