

Maimon, David

Nickname: Snapir

Born in Tel Aviv Palestine in 1922

Joined the Palyam in 1946

This is the Way it Was

I was born in Tel Aviv, and was a member of the nautical section of Hapoel. I belonged to the Hashomer Hatzair youth movement. During the years 1938 and 1939 I worked in the port of Tel Aviv until it was closed because of the outbreak of WW II. I had a short period of training after which I joined Kibbutz Sdot Yam (1940 -1945). I worked in fishing and on the fishing boat "Michmoret". I then worked on the 300 ton vessel, "Dori", to gain experience in sailing on the Mediterranean Sea.

In 1946 I joined the Palyam and went to a course for squad leaders. In 1947 I went to Italy and was given command of the vessel "Shabtai Luzinski". I then went to France and was given command of the vessel "Shivat Tzion". Again I went to Italy and given command of "The United Nations". In 1948 I commanded a fishing boat that made several trips to Cyprus to bring Palyamniks back and forth, and to bring weapons which were used for training, inside the camps.

In April 1948 I joined the Navy and worked in bringing supplies to Nahariya which was isolated. I also served in a Naval support unit in the force that took Acre. I then commanded the "Hatikva", and after that the "Hagana" (K-20). I was Chief of Operations at Naval Headquarters, commanded the "Mivtach" and commanded the 1st Flotilla.

1953 – Was discharged from the Navy.

1954 – 1956 – Studied at the Technion (physics and mathematics).

1957 – 1970 - Worked as a captain in the Kibbutz Meuchad Shipping Co.

1970 – 1973 – Director of the School for Naval Officers at Acre.

1973 – 1980 – Manager of the Tarshish Shipping Company.

1980 – 1990 – Worked in Kibbutz Ein Harod and as captain in the Tarshish Shipping Company.

1990 to date -- Work in Kibbutz Ein Harod.