

**Shapira, Yehuda**

Born May 27 1927 at Naharayim

Joined the Palyam in 1945

**This is the Way it Was**

I was born in 1927 in Naharayim, where my father worked on building the power station there. I lived there until I was four years old, when our family returned to Tel Aviv. When I was six years old we moved to north Tel Aviv, which was new and in the process of development. I finished my 12 years of education in 1944 and continued studies at the Max Fine Technical School. When I was 13 years old the whole class joined the Noar HaOved Youth Movement, and the following year several boys joined the nautical branch of the Hapoel Sports Club. Most of them left a short time later but two of us remained, Eliyahu Glazer, who was later known as Garbo, and I. Our class decided to go to a place where we would have naval training, and we joined together with a group of Noar HaOved from the Borochov neighborhood of Tel Aviv, so that we would have a sufficient number of people necessary for a good and stable group.

In 1944, twelve of us left for Caesarea when summer vacation began. Garbo had gone there a year earlier and worked in fishing. A short time after I arrived, Garbo and I went to work on the fishing boat, "Ne'eman". When the next term of study ended we were joined by a group from other secondary schools. We were also joined by two fellows from Hamachanot Ha'Olim, Avner (Goldman) Gilad and Mordechai Prima (Marko). After they joined, we were all drafted into the Naval Company of the Palmach. Our first platoon leader was Bill, and he was followed by Sergei, Yidel and Yossi Lieberman. Our squad leaders were Ezra Gal On, Levi Anukov, Posa, and several others, whom I don't remember. I took part in all the activities involved in moving olim who landed on the beaches from the arrival of the "Dalin", and until I was discharged from the Palmach in 1947. I also participated in the attack on the police station of Givat Olga and in the attack on the paratroopers camp (PMF) at Kfar Vitkin. I also scouted the beaches and of course trained between these actions. I was sent to Cyprus along with the others who were caught when we were clearing the shore of olim who arrived on the "Shabtai Luzinski".

As we prepared to leave as a 'company of workers' after being discharged from the Palmach, we were sent to the Negev to guard the water pipeline. We finally left and went to Kiryat Chaim together with Kibbutz Hachotrim. In May 1948, after Tantura was captured, Kibbutz Nachsholim settled there, first as a unit of the Israeli Army and after discharge, within the framework of Kibbutz Meuchad.

In 1955 I left Nachsholim with my family (my wife and two children) and went to live in Givatayim. Today we live in Ramat Hasharon.