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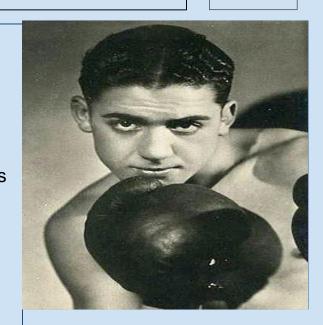
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"By keeping the body in health and vigor, one walks in the ways of God"

Maimonides (Rambam)

# Victor Perez, France

Victor was born on October 18, 1911. He was a Jew who was born in Tunis, but lived in France. He was a great boxer and won a lot of fancy prizes and many medals. On October 24, 1931, he won the International Boxing Union. A week before his 30th birthday, the Nazis caught him and he entered the ghetto and then was sent to the extermination camp in Auschwitz. In Auschwitz, he had to have boxing fights with other prisoners to entertain the Nazi officers. Each triumph gave him more food, but even in the terrible life in Auschwitz he shared his extra food with his friends. In 1945, he marched with all the prisoners from Auschwitz to Germany. Viktor saw that his friends would not be able to survive the Death Murch because of the hunger and went to search food for them. He found bread and wanted to share it with them. But, the Nazi officer who saw it shot him. He died at the age of 33.



Yuval Israeli & Alon Frider Bar On, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

# Pritzi Burger, Austria

Fritzy Burger was born in 1910 in Vienna, Austria. Fritzy was an ice skater. Fritzi was twice an Olympic Deputy Champion. She was also Deputy World Champion Twice, European Champion and quarter time Austrian Champion. Fritzi died in Vienna in 1999 at the age of 88



Amit Kimchi & Guy Rabino, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

# Petschauer Attila, Hungry

Attila was born in Budapest, in 1904. He was a Jewish fencer. At first, he trained in a salle in Budapest. The Jewish maestro Károly Fodor (Mózes Freyberger) opened it in 1885. From the age of 8 to the age of 20, Attila trained at Nemzeti Vivó Club (NVC), which was established by the Zionist lawyer Marcell Hajdu. Attila won four Hungarian National Youth Championships. He was a member of the Hungarian fencing team in the 1928 and 1932 Olympics. He was famous throughout the late 1920s and early 1930s as one of the world's top fencers. Between 1925 and 1931, at the saber world championships, he was three times a silver medalist, and three times a bronze medalist Attila died on January 30, 1943, when he was 38 years old.



Roni Treister & Libi Cohen, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

# Lilli Henoch, Germany

Lilli was born in Germany in 1899. She was a German athlete of Jewish origin. She set world records in discus (twice), and also won German national championships in shot put. But after the Nazis came to power, she was banned from sports activities. In September 1942, Lilli and her family were deported to Riga, Latvia. They were sent to the ghetto. She and her mother were taken from the ghetto and murdered by a machine gun. Lilli was murdered in September 1942. She was 43 years old.



Maya Katzav & Noga Groboy, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

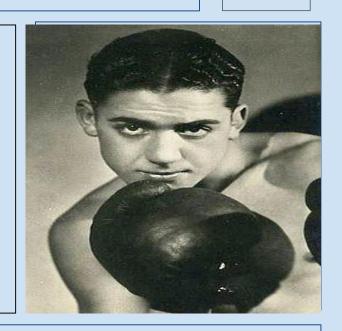
### Victor Perez, Tunis

Messaoud Hai Victor "Young" Perez was born in 1911. He was a Tunisian Jewish boxer, who became the World Flyweight Champion in 1931 and 1932. His ring name was "Young Perez". He was managed by Leon Bellier.

He won 92 fights and won many competitions

During his transport to Auschwitz on October 10, 1943, he became part of "Transport 60", a group of 1,000 prisoners shipped from Drancy, in France. During his internment, he was forced to participate in boxing matches for the amusement of the German guards and officers. Perez was one of only 31 survivors of the Death March from Monowitz in Poland,.

He died in the death march in the age of 34.



Harel Inbar & Ariel Furman, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

# Friederike "Fritzi" Burger, Austria

Friederike "Fritzi" Burger was born in 1910 to a jewish family. Burger was a great figure skater, She won the first-ever contested European Championships, held in 1930. Sonja Henie, who was the best skeater at the time, was not present at this championship, and Burger never defeated her in competitions.

After the 1932 Olympics, Burger ended her skating career and went to London, where in 1935 she married Shinkichi Nishikawa, a grandson of the Japanese pearl tycoon Kōkichi Mikimoto.

She returned with her husband to Vienna, and their son was born in the summer of 1937.

She past away on february 16th 1999 in Portland, Maine ,U.S



Yonatan More & Omri Shlezinger, Ofek, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

#### Bronislaw Czech, Zakopane, Poland.

Bronislaw Czechwas born on July 25, 1908 in Zakopane, Poland. He was a Jewish Olympic skier and instructor murdered during the Holocaust. At age 32, he was arrested and among the first prisoners sent to Auschwitz. There, the Nazis offered him freedom in exchange for training German youth in skiing, but he refused to do it. When the Nazis began executing the Final Solution, Czech's fame worked against him.

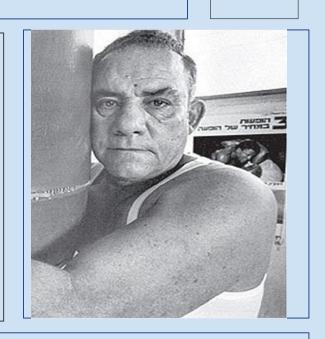
He died on June 4, 1944 in Auschwitz, at the age of 36. Many streets and schools are named for him in Poland today.



Lisa Yakubovich & Hely Cohen, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

## Shlomo Aroh, Greece

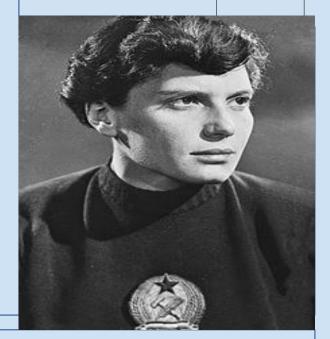
Shlomo Aroh was born on January 1, 1923. He was a Jewish boxer born in Thessaloniki in Greece. He was champion of Greece 1938 and champion of the Balkans 1939 of medium weight. He survived the Holocaust by forced participation in battles organized by Nazi officers in the Auschwitz concentration camp. In 1989, his story was told in the Hollywood movie "Victory of the Wind," with Willem Defoe in the leading role. Shlomo died on April 26, 2009, at the age of 71.



Neta Israel & Stav Levi, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

#### Skelly Eva, Budapest, Hungary

Skelly Eva was born in Budapest Hungary, on April 3rd, 1927. She was a Jewish swimmer at a local club and was proud to relate to her talent and not to her religion. However, in 1941, during World War II, Skelly was removed from her group for "unworthy religion." Before the end of the war, she was staying in Budapest in a sheltered Swiss-sponsored house with about 40 other people in two rooms. To keep fit, Skelly climbed up and down the stairs 100 times every morning. She trained under the guidance of Imra Sharushi. She passed away on February 29,2020, at age 92.



Jennifer Saker & Yair Biton, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

## Otto herschmann, wienne

Otto was born in 1877. He was a Jewish Austrian swimmer. He was one of the few athletes throughout the history that were awarded medals in two different branches, swimming and fencing. In the 90's, he was considered a world renowned athlete.

In 1942, he was arrested by the Nazis that sent him to the extermination camp Sobibor, where he was killed. He was 65 years old.



Dekel sacagiu & Yiftach bakish, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

#### Ágnes Keleti, Hungry

Agnes was born in Budapest, in 1921 to a rich Jewish family. She began practicing gymnastics at the age of four at a Jewish sports club. Between the ages of 6 to 17, she spent most of her time playing the cello at the Music Studies Institute. From the age of 16 she began training regularly in gymnastics and became the champion of Hungary. She participated in many important competitions and won many medal. She is 99 years old.



Ori Ben Zvi & Yarden Awad, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

# Keleti Agnes, Hungary

Keleti Agnes was born in 1921 in Hungary Budapest. She was a gymnast who competed for Hungary and won 10 medals and 5 of them were gold medals.

Keleti emigrated to Israel in 1957 and competed at the Maccabiah games that year. Two years later, she married a physical education teacher and became a physical education teacher too. She worked at the Wingate Institute for 34 years.

She is 99 years old.



Ron Samuha & Itay Roytkof, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-

Hartal

## Gombos Sándor, Serbia

He was born in Sombor, Serbia, in 1895. He was a known Jewish fencer. He twice won a gold medal in a personal sword competition at the World Championships in Budapest in 1926, and Vichy in France in 1927. At the Amsterdam Olympics (1928) Gombos won a gold medal in a group sword competition. At the 1929 World Cup in Naples, Italy, Gombos finished sixth in a personal sword competition. Gombos won two gold medals in a team sword competition at the World Championships in Blaze in Belgium, in 1930, and in Vienna, Austria, in 1931. He also finished fourth in the personal sword competition in 1930. Gumbos retired from competitive sports in 1932. After World War II, he served as President of the Hungarian Union of Fifth Association.

In 1968, Gombush died in Budapest when he was 73 years old.



Gombos (left) with 1928. Olympic fencing teammates

Adi Guy, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

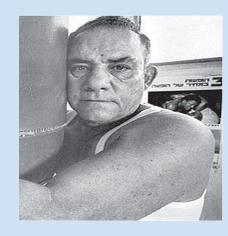
## Salomo Aroch, Greece

Shlomo was born in 1923. He was a Jewish boxer who survived the Holocaust by boxing for the entertainment of German Nazi officers in Auschwitz Concentration Camp. The film *Triumph of the Spirit*, told his life story, starring Willem Dafoe as Arouch.

In 1943, Arouch and his family were transported by boxcar and interned in German Nazi Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. They arrived in Auschwitz on May 15, 1943. He said that the commander looked for boxers among the new prisoners and, when he saw Arouch's abilities, he set him to weekly boxing matches against other prisoners.

Salamo fought about 208 matches, knowing that prisoners who lost would be sent to the gas chamber or shot. But he got extra food or easier jobs. Fights generally lasted until one fighter went down or the Nazis got tired of watching. Arouch said that he weighed about 135 pounds and often fought much larger men.

He died in 2009, at the age of 86.



Shalev Saldinger & Tomer Stolero, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

# Oskar Hekš, Czech Republic

Oskar hekš was born in Rožďalovice, Czechia (Czech Republic), on April 10th, 1908.

He was a Jewish athlete twice in a row champion of Czechoslovakia in 1929 and 1930.

In addition, he broke Czechoslovakia records in a marathon race represented his country in this run at the Los Angeles Olympics (1932).

In November 1941, he was sent to Terezín concentration camp. Then, in March 1944, he arrived in Auschwitz concentration camp. He died at the gas chamber at the age of 35.



Maayan Amnony, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal

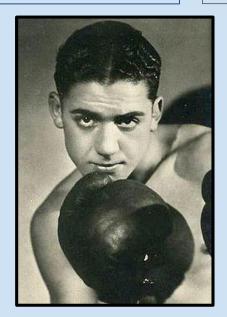
# Messaoud Hai Victor "young" Perez, Tunis

Victor was born in Tunis to a Jewish family. At the age of 14, he started boxing and added the nickname "Young" as a professional name. In 1928, he began his professional boxing career. In October 1931, he was declared champion of the International Boxing Union, the title of World Championship. In all, he fought in 133 fights, of which he won 92, of which 28 were knockouts..

In 1941, he was arrested and transported to the Drancy transit camp near Paris. On October 9, 1943, Peretz was part of a group of a thousand prisoners sent from the Drancy camp to Auschwitz. In Auschwitz, he was employed at the Bonne-Verke rubber factory. Peretz tried to escape, but he was caught and punished.

He often endangered himself by smuggling food to his friends, saving dozens of people.

In 1945, with the evacuation of the camp, Peretz was one of 31 prisoners remaining from the transport he arrived. During the death march, a stop was held at the Gleiwitz satellite camp. Peretz went and brought bread to his friends and was shot dead by one of the guards. His body remained on the snow, and the location of his grave was unknown. He was 33 years old.



Clil Meirson & Nachshon Lorian, Ofek, Evron, 8th grade, Tami Aviran-Hartal