



Taste of Memories





Taste of Memories is a new and unique commemoration project that aims to commemorate Israel Defense Force's fallen soldiers and Israeli terror victims, through the cooking of their favorite recipes, while telling their stories.

As part of the project, cooking sessions are being held, where the participants cook a favorite dish of a fallen soldier or terror victim, that could not come back home to enjoy it themselves.

In the session you will cook, taste and share pictures, stories, videos and anecdotes about the person behind the dish, and their family, in order to keep their memory alive



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In this meeting we will cook together Shoni's favorite dish:
Lecho – Hungarian vegetable stew





(Shonyii) Childhood

Private Alexander Shimon-Zvi Weingarten, who was affectionately known by the name Shonyi {a short name for Schandur, the Hungarian version of the name Alexander}, was the youngest son of Blanca-Brindel nee Fishel and Shlomon-Shlomo Weingarten.

He was born on the 12th day of Nisan 5684(15.04.1924) in Budapest, the capital of Hungary. Shonyi grew up in a wealthy, devoutly Orthodox religious family. He studied at Orthodox schools, and already in his youth displayed qualities of generosity and willingness to help others.

As he matured, these qualities turned into a deep devotion to the fate of his Jewish brethren, many of whom he saved from death.





Nazi Occupation

In the Second World War, Shonyi was sent to a labor camp, he was injured in an accident and recovered thanks to the treatment of a Christian doctor who advised Shonyi to become a "Hungarian ribbon wearer" - a volunteer in the service of the fascist Hungarian police, a role through which Shonyi could help save Jews.

With the cooperation of the Jewish underground, Shonyi obtained fake certificates of a Hungarian army officer. With the help of the fake documents and uniform, Shonyi rescued Jews from the transports, claiming that they were needed for "essential work".





Surviving Execution

A few days before the liberation of Budapest, Shonyi's identity was revealed by whistleblowers.

He was taken outside the city and shot!

Friends from the underground, who came to bury him, discovered to their surprise that Shonyi was injured but not killed. They took him to a hospital where he received medical treatment and recovered.





Aliyah v'Nefila (Rise & Fall)

In May 1947 Shonyi set sail for Israel on the ship "Max Nordau". Upon arrival, he reported for service in the Haganah, the Jewish defense force.

With the outbreak of the War of Independence, he enlisted and was assigned to the infantry and armored divisions.

Shonyi served in the Jerusalem Brigade and was among the defenders of the Kastel outpost, control of which was seen as essential for securing access to Jerusalem.

On April 8, 1948, less than a year after his arrival in Israel, Shonyi fell in a particularly difficult and heroic battle for the road to Jerusalem.





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Thank you for taking part!





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