## **Memories of Eddie**

I first met Eddie {of blessed memory} in Habonim, Melbourne when he was the youngest in our group at age 12 among 14 year-olds.

Eddie, ever cheerful, had more energy and athletic agility than any one of his peers.

At 18 on Hachshara, Wolf (of blessed memory) who shared a room there with him, used to tell how every night Eddie would fall asleep

on a book which Wolf would remove from his bed and place on his bedside table. At 19 Eddie sailed away from Australia on aliya together with my brother

Harry Lahav, and Henry Sprung and Joshua Berkovitz.

We later learned of Eddie's considerable intellectual abilities in all that he achieved in his life in Kfar Hanassi, where we also lived for almost 3 years,

and of his success as an overseas Shaliach and, in his retirement, as a teacher of the game of bridge.

It was our pleasure to have Eddie and Yael {of blessed memory} and later Eddie stay with us on their visits to Sydney.

On his last visit Eddie exhausted us because we had to find, and carry, a gift for every single one of his (was it eleven?) beloved grandchildren.

And then there is Eddie's and Yael's great success in raising their impressive children, a great joy for them and invaluable asset to the state of Israel.

May you find comfort in the high regard in which your dear father was held by those friends of his youth.

With fond good wishes for your long life from Shosh Hochmann Sydney

