

To the family of Eddie Nemenoff,

I wish to convey my sincerest condolences on the death of your father.

I was a younger member of Habonim, but I remember Eddie very well as often the centre of all the activities, and always the moving spirit in creative ideas. I remember being with him in the Hagam camp in 1948 for a month on a farm in Ferndale receiving para- military training in case we might go to participate in Israel's War of Independence. I also was part of a dance group trained by Vera Goldman, [we thought she was a Yemenite but it turned out she was born in Vienna] with him and his sister, Hetti, which put on Israeli dances in the Melbourne Town Hall in October 1948.

And we also met at the 50 year anniversary of Habonim where he and Morry Yoffe were the life of the party.

For me it was a memorable event' because not only Gershie Epstein was there [he had been the sheliach on the hachshara when I was there] but also Gideon Yuchnovetski, who had been the leading madrich at the training camp in 1948. [to my great chagrin he told us he now lived in the U.S.,In 1948 he represented to us the real Israeli- an Ari Cnaan !] Those were messianic and romantic days which we didn't think that they would change!

I live in the Negev in Kibbutz Nirim since 1955, but the twain did meet thanks to the efforts of Eddie and Beryl who every year organized an Ozzy bash every time a new building was dedicated.

I heard that Eddie suffered from deteriorating health for some years and sadly his passing is also a relief.

I wish you all the best in health in this sad and worrying time.

Dov [Frank] Golembowicz

