



Soldiers of the IDF and their predecessors from the Nuremberg-Fürth area



(Graphics: *rigo*)

In following list we try to document the active participation of Nuremberg-Fürth born men and women in the effort to defend the existence of the State of Israel. Due to the course of the historic events this includes the crucial phase from the War of Independence 1948/49 until the campaign in Lebanon 1982 when the cohort of immigrants from our region was serving in the IDF and their predecessors such as Haganah, Palmach, Irgun etc. or was called upon by their country as reservists in the wars and countless battles Israel was forced to fight for its survival.

In theory of course all of them notwithstanding reasons of age or physical capability were supposed to be drafted into service. Nevertheless we consider a compilation like ours to be necessary because this generation is a special one as pioneers and founders of the Jewish state who do not deserve to go anonymously neither in their old nor their new country. For these

reasons we ask anyone who can to share with us information about such veterans and photographs to illustrate their biographies.

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List of names

Columns:

- 1 consecutive number
- 2 name
- 3 place & year of birth (FÜ = Fürth, N = Nuremberg)
- 4 remarks (K.I.A. = Killed In Action)

1	2	3	4
1.	<i>Aufhauser, Stefan</i>	FÜ ?	K.I.A. 1948
2.	<i>Avimeir, Hanan (Obermeyer, Hans)</i>	N 1920	IDF since 1948
3.	<i>Benjamin, Karl Ernst Jacob</i>	N 1929	Served in the IDF as a motorcycle courier, K.I.A. July 18, 1948
4.	<i>Freimann, Chanan (Hans)</i>	N 1931	Brother of Jehuda, K.I.A. as an air force officer in ?
5.	<i>Freimann, Jehuda (Wolfgang)</i>	N 1929	K.I.A. 1948
6.	<i>Friedmann, Arnold</i>	N 1925	Served in the Moriah regiment 1948 - 1949 as regimental quartermaster in the rank of sergeant-major
7.	<i>Heiman, Dani (Theo)</i>	FÜ 1926	Served 1948 - 1949 in the Palmach Negev Brigade and subsequently in other wars until release from the Reserve Army in 1981
8.	<i>Kahan, Irma Mirjam (nee Schüftan)</i>	N ?	Member of Irgun Zvai Leumi since 1945
9.	<i>Levin, Fritz</i>	N 1920	K.I.A. 1948 in a kibbutz outside Jerusalem
10.	<i>Levy, Eli (Peter)</i>	N 1930	Navy admiral, in the 1980s military attaché in Germany
11.	<i>Metzger, Heinz</i>	N ?	Haganah during the War of Independence, afterwards with the IDF, eventually went to the USA

12.	<i>Meyer, Meir (Max)</i>	N 1928	Served from Nov. 21, 1948 till Nov. 20, 1950 and then in the Reserves as an education officer; in this capacity with the Jerusalem Brigade during the Six Days War in 1967. Last Rank: Captain. Final retirement: February 1983
13.	<i>Tachauer, Bernhard</i>	N 1925	K.I.A. 1967

Sources

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