

0.08 ZEV AND ISRAEL

NES TZIONA SYNAGOGUE

Hanna's father, Chaim Tepper, was the only grandfather Ahuvia knew. Born in Poland, Tepper put up homes in England for a few years, then came to Israel, where he erected houses in Ramla. One of the major builders of a famous winery (I think the Rothschild winery), Chaim and the Jewish bought from Arabs a big piece of land near what is now Nes Tziona, and Tepper built many buildings in the town, including the town's first synagogue.

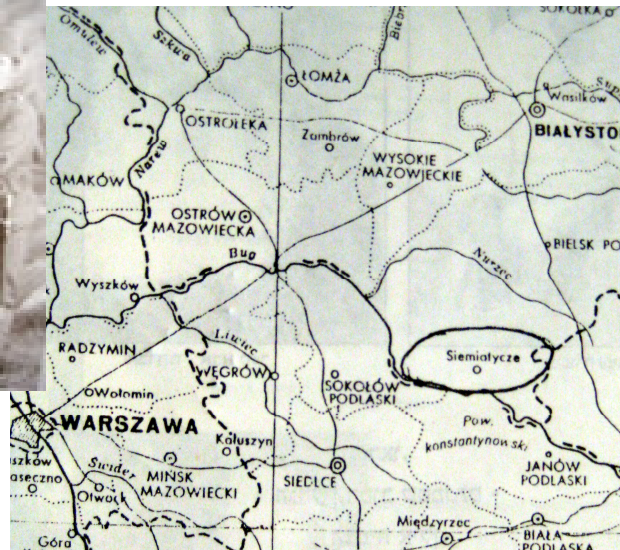


He brought his parents and a brother and sister from Poland to Israel, and he lived to be 100. In his late years Ahuvia lived with and helped him.

On his death much of "the Grand's" property went to Ahuvia's brothers and Ahuvia got his house, which he later sold. They used the money to purchase their Meshek in Nes Tziona.



Chaim Teper



Chaim's parents from Poland.





Front Row left to right:  
 Yakov: A bee keeper. Had a boy and girl. Recently died in Thailand.  
 Avraham: Died in 1934 at age 19 when a truck moving bees fell on him.  
 Ahouvia: Later married Shula.  
 Zev: The father.

In back:  
 Hannah (Tepper) and son Aaron who later had a son and 2 daughters.

Zev began to work in agriculture in

Nes Tziona. His party called him to Jerusalem where he performed various functions. He was one of the founders of the Israel's first Moshav, Nahalal, in the Jezreal Valley. Had he remained in Jerusalem (Ahouvia believes) Zev probably would have become a national leader. But Zev was committed to the principle of Jews working there own land. He felt his life should conform to his principles. And it did.



In 1930 he left the party and returned to Nes Tziona. He wanted to raise bees, but bee keeping was a family secret. (He once asked a member of the family when they "cut" the honey, and he was told it was on someone's Yarzeit. (the anniversary of their death)

Zev, the story goes, went to the cemetery and wrote down the date that person's died. Later, when he realized he had been fooled, Zev learned the trade by reading Russian books and by trial and error. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War Neil Fredman sent Zev a number of queen bees. The bees that populated Israel at that time didn't produce much honey. The new variety produced much more honey. In time they became the predominant bee in Israel.

### The queen bee shipping container

The story of Israeli bees is memorialized in the Pioneer Museum on Kibbutz Yfat, in the Jezreal valley.

From the exhibit:

Rouvain Lerer from the family of Israel's first bee keepers.

Some of the ancient Hives from the Museum





Ahuvia 2008 looks at working Hive in Yfat

From the bee museum in YFAT where active hives are part of the exhibit.



Bees wax press

Kibbutz Yfat overlooks the Emek



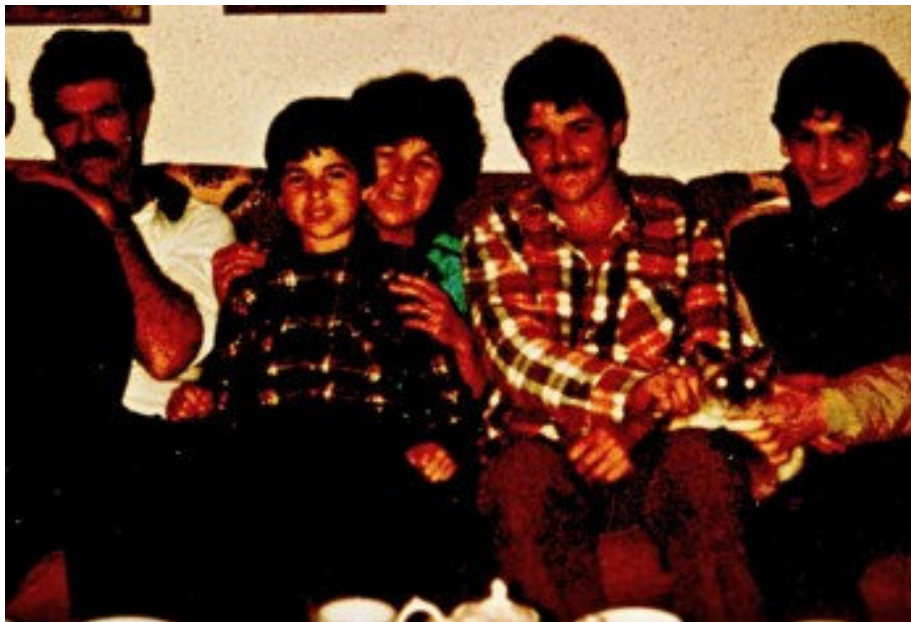
Zev and Hannah later in life



Ahuvia married Shula. Shula's mother, Panina was born in Hungary, in Transylvania. Her father Chaim Krintzi was born in Grodna. He became a baker.



**Ahuvia and Shula Ehrlich and sons**  
Yarim, Avraham (Noni) and Yitzhak (Itzik)



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