

MOSHE SHEPS PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION, circa 1925-1946

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1. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth, members of "Hashomer Hadati," a religious Zionist youth organization taken on the occasion of a visit of sister group from Kraków, Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland, 1937. In the first row from left: Josef Lenczner and Aba Muszenberg; standing in the second row, from right is Moniek Szeps, and Icek Rendel; in the last row, third from right is Miriam Oks; in the middle is Ester Rendel and Itka Feder; third from left is Hercko Lenczner. Inscribed in Hebrew, "friends from Dabrowa."
2. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth, members of "Hashomer Hadati," a religious Zionist youth organization, Sosnowiec, Poland, 1938. All the boys are from Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland. Standing in the first row, from left: Rubin Lewkowicz; Jakub Bajtner; Moniek Szeps; unidentified; Hanan Kener; unidentified and Icek Rendel; standing in the second row, from left: unidentified; Motek Ostrowiecki, Moniek Rozen, Hercko Lenczner.
3. Photograph of a ceremonial assembly of "Hashomer Hadati," a youth organization of the "Mizrachi" movement, Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland, February 1938.
4. Photograph of members of the "Hashomer Hadati," a religious Zionist youth organization, playing in the snow, Sosnowiec, Poland, 1937.
5. Photograph of members of the "Hashomer Hadati," a religious Zionist youth organization, during a summer camp in Jeleśnia, Poland, 1937. Inscribed in Hebrew and Polish, "summer camp Hashomer Hadati."
6. Photograph of members of the "Hashomer Hadati," a religious Zionist youth organization, during a summer camp, Jeleśnia, Poland, 1936. Inscribed in Hebrew and Polish: "Moniek Szeps."
7. Photograph of members of the "Hashomer Hadati," a youth organization of the "Mizrachi" movement, performing on stage on occasion of anniversary of the Mizrachi movement; the celebrations took place in the "Venus Hall" on 12 Sobieskiego Street in Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland, February 9, 1938.
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11. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth, graduates of “Yavne” elementary school and their teachers, during a trip to the Carpathian Mountains, Poland, summer 1936. First row, from left: Honigman and Moniek Lustigman; standing in the second row, from left: teacher Eugeniusz Pejsachowicz; Lewin, Elek Mąka, Radziński, Romek Mor and Moniek Szeps; standing first from right is the principal of the school, Berkowicz; in the middle in the back row: Motek Rechnic. Inscribed in Hebrew: “class of graduates, trip to the Carpathian Mountains 1936.”

12. Photograph of Fela Szeps, Moshe Sheps’ sister, wearing a white dress and seated in a chair, and Jakub Zigreich, Moshe Sheps’ cousin, holding a walking stick, Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland, circa 1925.

13. Photograph of a young woman, Iza, sitting on a park bench, Poland, June 14, 1939. Inscribed in Polish: “To my respected deputy, so you will not forget me, from Iza; June 14, 1939.” The photograph was given to Fela Szeps, who was active in the “Gordonia” Zionist movement.

14. Photograph of Zygmunt Kalmanowicz, Dąbrowa Górnicza ghetto, Poland, July 19, 1941. Inscribed in Polish: “As a memento to charming Szewa from Zygmunt; Dąbrowa, on July 19, 1941.” The photograph was given to Szewa Szeps from her friend, in the Dąbrowa ghetto.

15. Photograph of M. Gorset, cousin of Moshe Sheps, Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland, circa 1938. Inscribed in Polish: “To my cousin Moniek from M. Gorset.” M. Gorset perished in a concentration camp.

16. Photograph of Chaya Gorset and Baruch Gorset, cousins of Moshe Sheps, Tel Aviv, Palestine, circa 1932. Inscribed in Hebrew: “To the Szeps family, we send you our portrait together with warmest regards from the land of Israel, your Baruch.” The photograph was sent by Baruch Gorset to Moshe Sheps’ parents in Poland, in gratitude for helping him and his sister immigrate to Palestine before the war.

17. Photographic postcard of a portrait of Baruch Gorset, surrounded by images of sites in Palestine, captioned in Hebrew “Happy New Year,” Tel Aviv, Palestine, September 1932. Inscribed: “Ciocia Chavale and uncle Yitzhak Szeps and all members of the family; Happy New Year from Baruch.”

18. Photograph of a group of Jewish survivors during their stay in “Kibbutz Buchenwald,” Germany, November 27, 1945. Inscribed in Polish: “Stride in whatever way you see right, as long as it leads you to your goal. As memory of our stay in kibbutz, from Srulek. Geringshof, November 27, 1945.” Seated, first row from left: Moniek Szeps; Sylwia; Aharon Baci; kneeling first on right Motek Nusbaum (now Egozi). The Kibbutz Buchenwald hachshara, an agricultural training farm, was established in June 1945 by twenty young Jewish survivors of Buchenwald concentration camp, Germany. The group later immigrated to Palestine.

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21. Photograph of Artur Wiesel, who was responsible for food supplies of the kibbutz Buchenwald, Kibbutz Buchenwald, Germany, 1945-1946.
22. Photograph of a group of Jewish survivors as a “Hachshara” at Kibbutz Buchenwald, Gersfeld DP camp, Germany, summer 1945. Lying in front, holding a good is Fela Hendler; first row, from left Marta Adler; Renia Klugman; Sabina Szeps; Ester Goldschmidt; second row, from left Anna Adler; Goldi Silberstein (later Zahava Sheps); Herman; Hanka Wiernik Schlesinger; Sara Klugman; and Efraim Goldschmidt; standing back row, from left: Moniek Szeps; Jumek Benjamin Schlesinger; Edit Hitter; Mosze Orbach; and Oskar Rojzman Adomi.
23. Photograph of four young couples getting married in “Kibbutz Buchenwald” temporarily located in Gersfeld near Fulda, Germany, summer 1945. From left: Szymon Szmulewicz and his bride, Hana; Wajzman, from Dąbrowa, and his bride, Różka; Moniek and his bride, Dora; and Gerszon Belkowski and his bride, Malka.
24. Photograph of all members of “Kibbutz Buchenwald” taken on the occasion of the wedding of four couples, Gersfeld, Germany, summer 1945.
25. Photograph of a group of young Jewish survivors, members of the “Kibbutz Buchenwald,” sitting on the banks of the Fulda River, Gersfeld, Germany, summer 1945.
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28. Photograph of a group of young Jewish survivors, members of the “Kibbutz Buchenwald,” posing on a cow drawn wagon, Gersfeld, Germany, summer 1945.
29. Photographic postcard of two Jewish survivors, Henryk (right) and an unidentified man, who were members of the “Kibbutz Buchenwald,” Gersfeld, Germany, January 28, 1946. Inscribed in Polish: “To my dearest Moniek and Golda, I give you my picture as proof of my friendship, Henryk.” Henryk lost a leg as a result of Nazi tortures, he eventually immigrated to the United States.
30. Photograph of a group of friends from Dąbrowa Górnicza, Poland, Hannover, Germany, 1945. Seated in front row, from left: Szmuel Mor; Szymon Śliwka; and Roman Mor; standing in the middle, in the back row is Moniek Szeps; the names of the two women are unknown.
31. Photograph of two young Jewish women, survivors from Vilna (now Vilnius, Lithuania), Hannover, Germany, February 7, 1946. Inscribed in Hebrew: “As a memento I give you our picture, so you will remember us, Moshe Sheps, see you in Eretz Israel. Remember. February 7, 1946 Hannover.”

32. Photograph of Goldi Silberstein, Alesd, Romania, circa 1943. Goldi Silberstein, now Zahava Sheps, was born in Alesd, Romania (Transylvania) on August 12, 1923. In May 1944, she was deported to Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. She met her husband, Moshe Sheps in Gersfeld, Germany.
33. Photograph of Goldi Silberstein, now Zahava Sheps, Kibbutz Buchenwald, Gersfeld, Germany, 1945.
34. Photograph of Lila Zylbersztajn from Oświęcim, Poland, in Celle, Germany, January 22, 1946. Inscribed in Polish: "to a friend and at the same time a messenger of happiness, during our meeting on new ways [beginnings] from Lillian." Lila Zylbersztajn was imprisoned and liberated with Szewa Szeps, Moshe Sheps's sister. Lila's cousin, Izak Zylbersztajn, was a Kapo in Bunzlau concentration camp; he was killed after liberation in Katowice, Poland.
35. Photograph of five young Jewish survivors, members of the "Kibbutz Buchenwald," Gersfeld, Germany, winter 1945-1946. Standing in front, from left: Moshe Orbach and Moniek Szeps; standing in back, from left Sara Klugman; Sabina Szewa Szeps; and Renia Klugman.
36. Photograph of a group of young Jewish survivors, members of "Kibbutz Buchenwald," Gersfeld, Germany, 1946. Standing first on left: Moshe Szeps; Sabina Szeps; first row, on left Hans Bar' am; behind him is Sylwia; behind her, to the left is Lubcia Besser; standing behind her are Mosze Kaminkowski and Hanka Hendler Kaminkowski.
37. Photograph of a group of young Jewish survivors, members of "Kibbutz Buchenwald," Gersfeld, Germany, 1945. First on right, Zlotnik; Goldi Silberstein (later Zahava Sheps); in middle on left, is Mendel Ingber.
38. Photograph of a group of young Jewish men and woman awaiting transportation and orders to cross the border illegally to Italy, as part of the "Aliyah Bet," an illegal immigration to Palestine, Austrian-German border, spring 1946. Seated, from left: Moniek Szeps; Goldi Silberstein (later Zahava Sheps); Levi Danielski; unidentified woman; Meni Szmulewicz; Mendel Ingber and Tesler; second row, from left Zlotnik; Arik Ofner; Hana; Mojszale Wyszogrodzki; Haja Danielski; seated above Goldi Silberstein is Hana Ingber.
39. Photograph of Mania Kokodinska; Zvi Franz and Goldi Silberstein (later Zahava Sheps) holding a Star of David flag, awaiting their turn for illegal immigration to Palestine, Italy, summer 1946.
40. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth holding a Star of David flag with the words "Kibbutz Buchenwald," awaiting their turn for illegal immigration to Palestine, Italy, spring 1946. Front row, from left: Moniek Szeps; Goldi Silberstein (later Zahava Sheps); Mendel Ingber; middle row, from left: Menachem Hepke; Itzhak Neudorfer; Aharon Kaczka and Tesler; top row, from left: Abraham Horondoff; Kicia; Zvi Franz and Renia Klugman.
41. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth holding a Star of David flag with the words "Kibbutz Buchenwald," awaiting their turn for illegal immigration to Palestine, Italy, spring 1946. Back row, from left: Moniek Szeps; Goldi Silberstein (later Zahava Sheps); Kicia; Zvi Franz; Renia Klugman; Bracha, the partisan and the medic; Meir Orbach; Oskar Rojzman; and Sabina Szeps; middle row: Mania Kokodinska; Josef Kokodinski; Dora Lider; Dawid Lider; unidentified; front row, from left: unidentified; Efraim Goldschmidt; Ester Goldschmidt; Chaim Konarski; and Arik Ofner.

42. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth awaiting their turn for illegal immigration to Palestine, Milan, Italy, spring 1946. Seated, in front row, from left: Lubcia Besser; Aliza Besser; Moniek Szeps; Goldi Silberstein (later Zahava Sheps); Malka Belkowski; Oskar Rojzman; middle row, from left: Zvi Besser; Itzhak Neudorfer; Wajsman; Rózka Wajsman; standing in back row, from left: Meni Szmulewicz; Aharon Kaczka; unidentified; Arik Ofner; Hana Ingber; Aliza Kaczka; the "big" Kaczka; Levi Danielski; Mendel Ingber and Menachem Hepke.

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44. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth posing with a Star of David flag, Italy, spring 1946. Seated in front row, from left: Kicia; Renia Klugman; Sabina Szeps; Sara Klugman; middle row, from left: Ester Goldschimdt; Mina Kokodinska; Hanka Wiernik Schlesinger; top row, from left: Goldi Silberstein (later Zahava Sheps); unidentified; Dora; unidentified and Bracha, the partisan.

45. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth in Italy on their way to Palestine, Rome, Italy, spring 1946. In the front row, from left: Sara Klugman; Moniek Szeps; and Renia Klugman; in the back row, from left: Mosze Orbach; Jumeck Benjamin Schlesinger and Meir Orbach.

46. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth at an entrance to a building, Italy, summer 1946. During a May Day demonstration in Reggio nell'Emilia DP camp, a group of Ukrainian fascists attacked the Jewish youth and Italian police shot and killed two of the Jewish boys: Israel Kaplan and Dawid Wajnryb – riots between the two groups erupted and the Jewish DP's supported by UNRRA and the Jewish Agency demanded to be transferred to a different location. Indeed they were transferred to Lucerno San Giovanni near Turin, where the group stayed for a few months until they boarded SS "Katriel Yaffe". The ship was intercepted by the British and the DP's were imprisoned in a camp in Cyprus. Only in January 1947, Moshe and Goldie (Zahava) Sheps were allowed to immigrate to Palestine.

47. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth demonstrating against the killing of two of their friends, Israel Kaplan and Dawid Wajnryb, by Italian police, Reggio nell'Emilia, Italy, May 1946.

48. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth holding a Star of David flag, demonstrating against the killing of two of their friends, Israel Kaplan and Dawid Wajnryb, by Italian police, Reggio nell'Emilia, Italy, May 1946.

49. Photograph of a group of Jewish youth, demonstrating against the killing of two of their friends by Italian police, holding wreath with banners, text reads: "Our dear friends Israel Kaplan and Dawid Wajnryb fell during fight for liberation of our homeland," Reggio nell'Emilia, Italy, May 1946.