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## **The Foundation of Mizpah Lodge No.6 (1838), Jersualem.**

The elite of Jerusalem and, surprisingly, of Haifa, founded Mizpah lodge in 1933. Here, you can read a bit about them.

On May 4<sup>th</sup> 1933, when the sun was exactly on the meridian, there gathered a group of 38 Freemasons brethren, to found in the City of Jerusalem the 1838 Mizpah lodge, which is known as Mizpah 6. These are the names of the founders, as were written and signed in the book of our lodge, and a bit about their history.

**Shmuel Hashimshoni**, of blessed memory, the first Master of Mizpah lodge in the years 1933-1934. He was born in Rumania in 1878, and in 1865, when he was 17 year old, he came to Eretz Yisrael (The Land of Israel). Between 1900 and 1905 he lived in Sajra, Ilaniya, and was one of the first Jewish farmers in this period. He established, with three others, the Group of Four, in Sajra, which aspired to work the land. In 1906 he escaped to Egypt in order to avoid recruitment to the Ottoman Army. There, in Egypt, Hashimshoni, became an activist in the institutions of the Zionist Organization and was its secretary in Cairo. While staying there, he followed his father, Dov, and joined the organization of the Freemasons in Cairo. Shmuel was the first publisher of the Jewish newspaper

"La Renaissance Juive".

In 1919 he came back to Jerusalem and became a social activist, a member of B'nai B'rith and The Freemasons. He put much effort to transfer the lodges in Eretz Yisrael from the Egyptian lodge to the Scottish lodge. He moved to Haifa in 1935, where he managed a commerce company. On April 18<sup>th</sup> 1939, Shmuel Hashimshoni was murdered by Arab assassins in a pogrom they held in the German Colony in Haifa and was called to the Eternal East.

**Mordekhai Bardan**, of blessed memory, acted as the 8<sup>th</sup> Master in the years 1940-1941. He lived in Jerusalem and worked as a government clerk. He was a Brother in the Lodges of Holy City and Har Sinai.



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**Yirmeyahu Zukerman**, of blessed memory, was the second Master in the years 1934-1935. He lived in Jerusalem and was a judge in the Magistrates Court of the city. He was a brother in the Lodges of Har Sinai and Holy City.

**Shabtai Levi**, of blessed memory, was born in Istanbul in 1874. He graduated, successfully, the Law School of Istanbul, emigrated to Eretz Yisrael in 1894 and worked as a teacher in Petah Tikva. On the same time, he was a member of the clerks' staff of Baron Rothschild. In 1908 he moved to Haifa, where he managed the Department of Law and Lands and assisted with the acquisition of lands, while keeping his good confidence relations with the both Turks and Arabs. He became a member of the Political Committee of the National Committee. In 1918 he was elected for the Haifa City Council and acted as Mayor of Haifa in the years 1940-1951. Levi assisted building the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology and the Hebrew Reali School. During the War of Independence he tried, not so successfully, to deepen and tighten the relations between Jews and Arabs in his city. As a mayor he devoted himself for developing Haifa culturally and demographically. In 1953, Shabtai Levi was chosen to be the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel.

**Dr. Avraham Weinschel**, of blessed memory, was a lawyer and one of the leaders of Revisionist Zionism in Haifa.

**Yaakov Kaspi**, of blessed memory, was born in 1899, in the Old City of Jerusalem. On the age of 20 he moved to Bat Galim quarter in Haifa and became a successful businessman and the President of the Chamber of Commerce in Haifa. Kaspi took part in various social and voluntary activities of B'nai B'rith and Rotary. Yaakov Kaspi joined Freemasonry in 1928 at the Reuven Lodge, and after 5 years he became its Master. In the year 1956, he was chosen to be the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel. He founded the Freemasons Elderly Citizens' Home in Nahariya and became a Brother and an Honorary Master in almost all Lodges around the country. He is registered in the book of Mizpah Lodge as No.6, the number which is identified today with Mizpah Lodge. The Yaakov Kaspi 56 Lodge was established in his memory on March 31<sup>st</sup>. 1933.



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**Asher Koenig**, of blessed memory, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Master of the Lodge in the years 1935-1936. He lived in Jerusalem and was a lawyer.

**Barukh Kantika**, of blessed memory, was the 4<sup>th</sup> Master in 1936-1937. Kantika was an engineer and lived in Jerusalem. He was a Brother in the Lodges of Har Sinai, Har Zion, Cairo and Holy City.

**Nahum Sadomski**, of blessed memory, a merchant from Jerusalem.

**Shlomo Ben-Shimon**, of blessed memory, the 7<sup>th</sup> Master in 1939-1940. He lived in Mekor Barukh neighborhood in Jerusalem. He was a Commission agent. A Brother in the lodges of Har Sinai and דוגיה??

**Binyamin Levinson**, of blessed memory, the 9<sup>th</sup> Master, in the years 1941-1942.

**Haim Soloveitchik**, of blessed memory.

**Eliyahu Kahanov**, of blessed memory.

**Max Zeligman**, of blessed memory, was born in 1902. He lived in Tel Aviv and was a lawyer. He became the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Israel in 1960.

**Eliezer Mar-Haim**, of blessed memory.

**Akiva Kozoiner (Kos Bina)**, of blessed memory, was a pharmacist. He lived in Bet HaKerem, Jerusalem, and was the 5<sup>th</sup> Master in the years 1937-1938.

**Dr. Avraham Y/J. Halevi**, of blessed memory.



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**Alexander Levinson**, of blessed memory.

**Shlomo Barazani**, of blessed memory, was a Brother in Har Sinai Lodge. He lived in Ohel Moshe neighborhood, Jerusalem, and worked as a clerk in the Municipality of Jerusalem.

**Harry Hanokh**, of blessed memory, was a tour guide. He lived in Ohel Shlomo neighborhood. Hanokh was a Brother in Har Sinai Lodge.

**Zeev Zilberstein**, of blessed memory.

**Moshe Sh. Bakhar**, of blessed memory, lived in Hadar HaKarmel quarter of Haifa. He was a commission agent. He was a Brother in Har Sinai and Reuven Lodges.

**Asher Levitski**, of blessed memory, was the 11<sup>th</sup> Master in 1943-1945. He lived in Jerusalem and was a lawyer.

**Alter Diskin**, of blessed memory. He was born in 1882. He was a merchant and lived in Jerusalem.

**Tuvia Dunia**, of blessed memory, was born in 1880. He lived at Ahuzat Herbert Samuel in Haifa and worked as an engineer and contractor. Dunia was married to the sister of the first President of the State of Israel, Haim Weizman. He was a business partner of Barukh Kantika. Dunia was a Brother in Har Zion Lodge.

**Elazar Elyashar**, of blessed memory.

**Eliyahu M. Elkalai**, of blessed memory, lived in Mekor Barukh, Jerusalem.



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He was a travel agent and a Brother in **El Doge Lodge**

**Dr. Gavriel Walter**, of blessed memory, lived in Greece. He was one of the most well known archaeologists of his time. A Brother in Har Zion Lodge.

**Yitshak Adoni**, of blessed memory, lived in Jerusalem, He was a clerk in Hadassa and a Brother in Har Sinai Lodge.

**Moshe Goldholz (Zehavi)**, of blessed memory, he lived in Nahalat Tsadok neighborhood in Jerusalem. Goldholz was an assistant in a pharmacy and an owner of one. He was a Brother in Har Sinai Lodge.

**Moshe N. Danon**, of blessed memory, lived in Ruhama, Jerusalem. He was a commission agent. Danon was a Brother of the Har Sinai Lodge.

**Avraham Hasidof**, of blessed memory, lived in Geula, Jerusalem. He was a land agent.

**Yosef Novogorodski**, of blessed memory, lived in Rehavia, Jerusalem. He was a government clerk. Novogorodski was a Brother in Har Zion Lodge.

**Moshe Marsh (???)**, of blessed memory, lived in Mekor Barukh, Jerusalem. He was a merchant and a Brother in Har Sinai Lodge.

**Yaakov Navon**, of blessed memory, lived in Mekor Barukh, Jerusalem. He was a court clerk and a brother in Har Sinai Lodge.

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