

Yossef Gutfreund

**November 1, 1931, Chişinău, then Romania – September 6, 1972,
Fürstenfeldbruck**

Yossef Gutfreund and his family survived the Holocaust in various hiding places in Romania and Hungary. In 1948 they emigrated to Israel via Austria.

Gutfreund's parents opened a guesthouse in Jerusalem and he established an electrical store. After his marriage in 1956, he and his wife had two daughters.

Gutfreund had been a wrestling enthusiast since his youth. He became a referee and first took part in the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 1964.

Gutfreund also served as a referee at the Munich Olympics. When the terrorists tried to force their way into his apartment, he braced himself against the door, enabling the weightlifter Tuvia Sokolsky to flee by way of the balcony.

Yossef Gutfreund was shot to death in one of the two helicopters in Fürstenfeldbruck.

3 Yossef (5th from right) and Rachel Gutfreund on their wedding day, Jerusalem, 1956

2 Yossef Gutfreund and the Israeli actor Shmuel Rodensky at the *Deutsches Theater* on the evening before the attack, Munich, September 4, 1972

1 Yossef Gutfreund as a soldier, Israel, ca. 1955

4 Yossef Gutfreund's key to apartment 1 on Connollystrasse 31, Munich, 1972

"Olympic Village"