Moshe (Muni) Weinberg

September 19, 1939, Haifa, formerly Palestine – September 5, 1972, Munich

Moshe (Muni) Weinberg was born in Haifa after his family fled from the Nazis in Vienna in 1938.

After his parents separated, Weinberg was raised by his grandparents. His neighbor Erwin Becker, a former wrestler from Germany, introduced him to the discipline and became his coach. In the 1950s, Weinberg won the Israeli championship several times. After he retired from competitions, he began coaching at the Wingate sports center.

In Munich he was in charge of the wrestlers Eliezer Halfin and Mark Slavin. Muni Weinberg was the first victim of the terrorist assault. When he tried to defend himself against the attackers, they shot him down. He bled to death on Connollystrasse.

2 Muni Weinberg (front left) and other wrestlers with their coach Erwin Becker, Haifa, Israel, ca. 1955

3 Muni Weinberg and his wife Mimi on an outing, Golan, Israel, December 1971

1 Muni Weinberg, ca. 1955

4 Letter to his wife Mimi, Munich, August 25, 1972

“To Mimi”