

Amitzur Shapira

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Fürstenfeldbruck**

Amitzur Shapira was born in Tel Aviv in 1932 shortly after his parents had arrived in Palestine from the Soviet Union with one of the major immigration waves.

In his youth Shapira was a successful track and field athlete. He studied psychology, education and literature in Tel Aviv, then sports at the *Wingate* sports center. After he retired from competitions, he worked as a sports teacher and coached top athletes. He served as the coach of the national track and field team, which he accompanied to the Olympic Games in Tokyo in 1964.

For the Munich Games, Shapira trained the promising Israeli athlete Esther Shahamorov. The hurdler qualified for the semifinal.

On the night of September 5, Amitzur Shapira bled to death in one of the helicopters in Fürstenfeldbruck.

2 Amitzur Shapira, Tel Aviv, ca. 1934

3 Amitzur Shapira and his second wife Shoshana at their wedding, Tel Aviv, December 1965

1 Amitzur Shapira at the *Wingate* sports center, Netanya, Israel, 1963

4 Track and field at School. From the bequest of a teacher and a coach, published after his death by his family, Tel Aviv, 1974

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