

Matti Memories

Growing up in South Africa without any extended family, just my parents and brother, was a lonely experience . So when we received letters from Israel, sometimes with a picture, it was a great excitement!! The little green letters with sometimes a few words from Ada for me were such a wonderful feeling.

When I was 18 my parents decided to emigrate to the USA but first we would visit our family in Israel...I was overjoyed at the prospect.

So finally Ada, Matti , Johnny and I got to “hang out” by ourselves and we were talking about how we felt about leaving the only place we had ever known to go into the unknown where we probably would never integrate!!

Matti proudly interrupted, saying: “We are Sabras!!!” He was so strongly proud, I didn’t know what that meant, but I can still hear his 16 year old insistent voice,...so proud and filled with love!!!

Since then we have visited together, the last time was when Nili and Matti came to California and stayed with us .I wish we could do that again, with much Love,

(Annalein)

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