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I was born with a congenital defect, a missing right hand. Despite this, I joined the local kids playing volleyball which was the most popular sport in our town, Kiriat Ata, in Northern Israel. My uncle had introduced volleyball to this town in the 60's. He played for many years in the Polish national youth team until his family, including my mother, immigrated to Israel.

I began playing seriously in 1990, following a TV program with the Israeli disabled national coach Eliyahu Rabina, who was searching for new young players.

I started my career as a player among war veterans. I was inspired by their approach to life and by their cynical and sarcastic point of view. I met great people and great athletes, including Chagay Zamir, Zvi Karsh, who changed the course of my life for good.

Events in which I played included:

1990-World Championship - France

1992-Paralympics - Barcelona

1993- World Championship - Nottingham, England.

1996-Paralympics - Atlanta (Best server in the tournament)

2000- Paralympics - Sydney

2002- World Championship - Poland

