

# Fun Facts About...



## Tal Brody

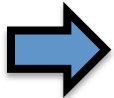
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Tal Brody was born in Trenton, New Jersey.



He played basketball for the University of Illinois, where he was a high-scoring All American and All-Big Ten guard in 1965.



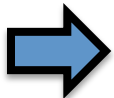
In 1965, Brody was drafted 12<sup>th</sup> in the NBA draft; before starting the NBA season, he traveled to Israel where he led the US basketball team to a gold medal in the 1965 Maccabiah Games.



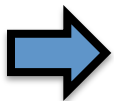
Moshe Dayan convinced Brody to pass up his NBA career and make aliyah to Israel where he could help elevate the country's basketball team and morale.



Brody was voted Israelis Sportsman of the Year in 1967.



Brody famously remarked upon beating the Soviets: "We are on the map! And we are staying on the map – not only in sports, but in everything."



Brody was awarded Israel's highest civilian honor, the Israel Prize, in 1979.

