

MY FAMILY

My father and teacher Hanoch, son of Mr. Yosef Maisels (known as Mr. Yosef HaGabbai), fought all his life to support his family. A simple man, he was and always willing to help others to the extent he could. He died in 1941 in the Łódź ghetto.

My mother Rachel-Leah, daughter of Mr. Yitzhak Zvi Menche, perished in the Auschwitz extermination camp. She was a faithful and devoted Jewish mother, always caring for her children, in all conditions and situations.

My older sister Sara-Chana passed away in Argentina on January 12, 1963 leaving a husband, son and daughter.

My sister Yaska perished with her mother in the Auschwitz camp. Miriam died in the Łódź ghetto on the 9th of Tammuz 5702 (June 24, 1942).

Mr. Yitzhak Zvi Menche son of Mr. David z"l

He was a leather shop owner, a man of initiative and vigor. Yet, he was exemplary in his honesty and decency, from the followers of Gur and *gabbai* of the synagogue, philanthropist and of reciprocal kindness, his house was a respectable home and many were his friends, among them also Leib Asz, who after a time was also his relative. Mr. Yitzhak Zvi died in 1917, at the age of seventy.

May his soul be bound in the bundle of life.

His wife Chaya-Freida, daughter of Mr. Gershon z"l, was an exemplary housewife and the faithful companion of my grandfather, Mr. Yitzhak Zvi. She died in 1923, at the age of 74.

May her soul be bound in the bundle of life.

Mr. Leib, son of Moshe Asz z"l (known as Moshe Gąbiner), came to America in 1905. He remained a faithful follower of Gur chassid all his life. His brother, the writer Shalom Asz, told us that he used to bring the chicken to the butcher himself to be sure of its kosher status. When he died, the chassidim guarded his body so that no one would touch it, to be sanctified and honored.

He died in 1931 at the age of 70.

Mrs. Hinda, the wife of Mr. Leib, born Lachman z"l, has lived in America since 1905 and died in 1959 at the age of 96.

Moshe MAISELS (Tiv'on)