

DR. YEHUDA MEIR BROMBERG-BAVLY

Born in January 1902, in the city of Kutno. In July 1920, he immigrated to Israel. In 1919, he graduated from the gymnasium in Poland. In 1922 – course in Sanitation, Hadassah Medical Organization, Jerusalem. 1924-1929,



received the title of "Doctor" for his research paper on the "Mandate for Palestine". In 1929, he was crowned in Poland with the title of "Doctor of Social Sciences" for his research on "The Life of the Jewish Minority in Poland".

He was one of the founders of the *HaShomer* movement and one of the activists of the Zionist movement in his city.

Job holdings: 1920-1921, assistant at the Pasteur Institute, Jerusalem. 1922, sanitary inspector at Hadassah organization.

1922-1924, assistant at the laboratory for the study of malaria in Haifa. 1926-1927, assistant in the Department of Hygiene at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

January 1925-December 1926 and October 1927-June 1929, assistant lawyer in Naples, Italy. He served as secretary of the executive committee of the Hadassah organization. He wrote in the following languages: Hebrew, English, German, Italian, Russian, Polish, (French).

Dr. Y. L. Magnes: Obituary in his memory

Three years that the members of the Hadassah Emergency Committee were privileged to work together with Dr. Bavly, and I come today to testify in public that if the committee has to some extent been able to serve Hadassah and the public, it would be to the credit of the deceased. When you go through the list of varied and ramified matters that were before the committee for consideration and decision, you are amazed to see for how many of them Dr. Bavly had been a decisive factor, in his vast knowledge, or in the invention of factual material, or in his supervisory influence, or in his willingness to always carry out every decision. There was not a remote corner in all of Hadassah's many areas of operation that he did not control. Medical operations, the restaurant's foundation, run by his wife with special grace and kindness, vocational education, Hadassah's new field of work, relations with institutions, the National Committee, HMOs¹, the Jewish Agency and more, study at "Leo Polite" and the social sciences at the University of Naples.

He loved his job. "A man will go out to his tasks and his work until evening." And in the morning, he would get up and devote himself to his duties. Difficulties were created for him, so that he could overcome them. He loved reality, and processed the factual material out of affection and love. And on the basis of the facts, he would construct his conclusions. Ecclesiastes said: "And I hated my labors under the sun" and Dr. Bavly would say the opposite: "I loved my work under the sun".

He had a profound love for life. He had desire, taste and joy for life. He had a joyful and creative life, joy out of a great soul. The top of his joy was his blessed family life whom he loved so strongly like fire that cannot be extinguished by water.

In King David's last words, it is written that he called one of his heroes "a living multifarious active person". Similarly, one of his most dedicated friends called Dr. Bavly in these days: lively, fresh and multifarious active person in spite of his short life.

When I got to work with him, I saw his rise in spirit and intellect. Slowly and surely, he purified his thoughts, striving to complete his knowledge and purifying his relationship to every human being. Especially lately he has discovered the immense forces that lay within his psyche. I have no doubt, if his bitter fate had given him several more years, he would have been a public leader as few can match.

We miss him and in time we will feel his lack more and more.

It is difficult to find the words we need, to understand his cruel fate and give ourselves some comfort. Dr. Yasky, friends, doctors, nurses, officials, workers, public activists: God will comfort us among the mourning of Zion and Jerusalem.

And you, Mrs. Bavly: walk with this force, in this power that you have shown all these difficult days, and

¹ TN: Health Maintenance Organizations.

educate your children in this spirit, and bring a blessing on them as you bring a blessing on the tens of thousands of the children of Israel.

May his soul be bundled in the bundle of eternal life.