

Kiryat Motzkin and took on the technical responsibility and a large part of the work to save money.

When the War of Independence broke out following the UN General Assembly's decision to divide the country into two states, he hastened the completion of the building and immediately after the roof was cast, he went into combat service, on February 1, 1948, although he could have been released as an only son to his parents.



Chaim Fisiz

In battles and dangers, he knew how to encourage the spirit of his men, to such an extent that some of his friends who were transferred to service units in the home front left to be in his class in the "Carmel" brigade. With encouraging singing, he led his class on the mountain paths to Operation Galilee Purification, and in the battle for the conquest of Tzipori³ during Operation Dekel, he fell on Tuesday, July 16, 1948⁴. He was laid to rest in the Kiryat Motzkin Cemetery.

FISZ CHAIM

The only son of Leah and Moshe-Aharon, he was born on March 19, 1925¹, in the city of Kutno, Poland, and on March 23, 1926, he immigrated to Israel with his parents and the family settled in Haifa. After graduating from elementary school, he studied in the vocational school, near the Technion. In 1942, he complied with the demand² and went to contribute his part to the war effort in establishing the refineries of Abadan, in Iran, and in his spare time he devoted himself to propaganda and Zionism among local Jews and especially to the youth and taught them songs of the land and told them about Hebrew life. On his return from Iran, he continued his professional work. He worked in the *Haganah* as a platoon commander, motivated his subordinates and acquired their affection. Chaim was very devoted to his parents and sometimes helped them even beyond his means. In the fall of 1947, he and his father began building a home for his parents in

¹ TN: 25 Shevat 5685, corrected in MoD website.

² TN: British demand.

³ TN: Sepphoris.

⁴ TN: 9 Tamuz 5708.