

## MOSHE PLOCER

Moshe Plocer hy"d fell among the 47 victims in the Yehi'am convoy<sup>1</sup>.

Moshe was born in our town of Kutno in 1923, the son of Yehuda and Hinda, who were also from respectable families in our town.

His mother's father was Mr. Aharon-Yosef Lamski, and his father's father was Mr. Michael Dov Plocer of Gostynin.



Plocer Moshe

Grandfather Aharon-Yosef Lamski z"l immigrated to *Eretz Israel* in 1914, with his wife and family. But he was unlucky, because when he arrived, World War I broke out and the Turkish authorities brutalized him and forcibly returned him and his family to their country of origin, and the grandfather was no longer allowed to see the Jewish land.

The grandson Moshe followed in the footsteps of his pioneer grandfather, and immigrated to Israel with his parents in the year 1935 when still a child, in the first decade of his life. Within a few years he acclimatized and as a diligent and outstanding student he graduated from the *Tachkemoni* school and thus continued his path to buy a professional education at the Max Fein vocational school. He also graduated in this school with honors and came to life equipped with Torah and knowledge which he also acquired a lot by self-learning.

He was a member of the *HaShomer HaZair* youth movement and when the time came for fulfillment, he joined Kibbutz Reshafim. During his stay on Black Saturday, June 29, 1946<sup>2</sup> in Kibbutz Mizra, he was arrested by the British and transferred to Rafah.

At Kibbutz Reshafim, he met his heart's choice, which he later married – Ryvka Cohen. The coveted happiness was violated shortly after the outbreak of the War of Independence. Moshe, who had Zionist and pioneering consciousness, could not sit idly by. He immediately joined the convoy escort between Haifa and the Western Galilee. Eventually the road back to Haifa was blocked and the boys remained stuck in Nahariya. And when Kibbutz Yehi'am was heavily attacked and called for help, he was among the first volunteers to leave for the relief convoy. In this convoy, he was found dead on another "Black Shabbat" of 11 Adar II 5708<sup>3</sup> and with him 46 other boys and girls like him.

Upon his death, he left his pregnant wife and later daughter was born whom we named "Amit" after her father who fell in defense of his people.

His parents could not even accompany him on his last journey as the Western Galilee was cut off and thus found his grave in the land of Nahariya.

May his memory be blessed.

<sup>1</sup> TN: convoy to re-supply kibbutz Yehi'am, under Arab irregulars' siege.

<sup>2</sup> TN: "Black Shabbat" was a British operation to confiscate weapons from Jews, in 1946.

<sup>3</sup> TN: March 22, 1948.