

## Dr Zvi Kantor z''l



In his youth, he joined *Betar* in Poland and, after the War, was among those who lay the foundations of *Betar* and *Ha'Tzohar*<sup>74</sup> in the displaced persons camps in Germany. He served as the first General Secretary of the *Ha'Tzohar* Alliance among the survivors and organised its offices and determined its procedures. Indeed, if this movement conquered for itself the first place in the refugee camps - until becoming the largest movement there - Dr Zvi Kantor's place is among those to whose merit these achievements should be accredited.

His activity within his movement's framework did not mar his personal relations with his [political] opponents and he aspired for his movement to participate in the Central Committee of the Liberated Jews. It is, therefore, only natural that, once the Revisionists joined this Central Committee, Dr Kantor led their representatives, as the one in charge of the Health Department of the Liberated Jews.

He was endowed with many, excellent traits. He was charismatic, well-dressed and handsome, with an engaging, cultured disposition. [He was] placid towards people and willingly responded to those who turned to him. He aided the unfortunate and was meticulously strict regarding order and discipline in his work. Thanks to these attributes and his talents, he completed his studies at quite an older age and emigrated to the Land [of Israel] as a physician. There, too, he continues to treat people – he treats their bodies as a doctor – and the *Hebrew Child* in particular. At the same time, he has not abandoned his activity for society and its institutions.

It may be that, in his various activities, he found alleviation and encouragement in his pains and sorrows, for Destiny had been very cruel to him.

Together with his family members, multitudes marched after the coffin of a man and a friend, a comrade and a colleague, of a public figure and a healer of the sick - with a silent prayer on their lips: "Would that the bones of this victim of Fate now find the peace and repose for which he yearned all his life."

### **From the Book Committee:**

*Dr Zvi Kantor was a member of the Sefer Częstochowa Book Committee and he had intended to set forth his memories of Częstochowa and the Holocaust that caused its annihilation. But death snatched him [from us] before his time.*

*This book [col.352] contains an article of his, in Yiddish, which he wrote while still in Germany, from which emerges his affection for the city of his birth, as well as his productive public activity, which he was unable to extend in this commemorative project - Sefer Częstochowa.*

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<sup>74</sup> [TN: Acronym for Heb. "The Revisionist Zionists."]

