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## Perec Lasker ז"ל

Perec Lasker was born in 1910 in Chmielnik. His parents moved to Częstochowa when he was still a boy. At the Jewish high school in Częstochowa, Perec distinguished himself with his sharpness of mind and became one of its best pupils.



At home, he received a Zionist upbringing and joined the *Ha'Shomer Ha'Tzair* movement. However, his ebullient spirit forever sought new ways to realise Zionism and, eventually, he joined the Revisionist Movement. Perec founded a *Betar* cell in Częstochowa and managed to organise the best of the city's youth within the ranks of his new movement. After some time, Perec moved to Warsaw, where he continued his studies at university and became one of the leaders of *Betar*. Eventually, he even became Commissioner of *Betar*.

During the Nazi occupation, Perec Lasker was one of the organisers of the *Betar* squads in Warsaw. From there, he meandered, until ending up in the HASAG camp in Częstochowa.

Prior to his emigration to Palestine, he was an activist in the *Ha'Bricha* [The Escape] organisation, which acted to rescue Jews from the Diaspora and to transport them, in various ways, to the homeland.

Following his *Aliyah*, he temporarily ceased his political activity and continued his studies at the university in Jerusalem. Later, he engaged in pedagogy and worked as a clerk for the Bureau of Commerce and Industry, but without relinquishing his studies. Sadly for all who knew him, he suddenly fell ill and died an untimely death.

Perec was modest and introverted. He was a man of honesty and truth, who remained true to his dreams and devoted to his struggle. He was loved by all and was admired by all those who came into contact with him.

Blessed be his memory.

