## Yeshayahu Landau

## Reb Dawid Pelc hy"d

He was a Torah scholar, who studied the Torah for its own sake, of noble features adorned with beard and sidelocks, who spouted forth wisdom like a mighty stream. He gave good advice and had experience in the ways of life, as if contained within him was the happenings and dealings of hundreds of years. He truly served God with happiness and radiated joy of life to all those around him.

(They told of him that, on the miserable and tragic day of the banishment, he went around among the crowd, preaching encouragement and hope in heavenly aid soon to come, although unseen to the eye.

With his great faith, he even then found the way to stop the despair seizing the Częstochowa Jews. No one turned him back and some even joined him and found temporary relief in Chassidic singing, to welcome the approaching "redemption". But it never came and the ever hopeful one shared the destiny of the rest of the pure martyrs!)