

## **Moshe Blam's Story**

Our father, Moshe Blam, was born in 1904 in Drohobycz Poland to our grand parents, Hersch and Golde Blam.

Years before he decided to immigrate to Israel Moshe was a member of an academic Zionist movement called "Hatikva" that instilled in him the ideas of building a country for the Jews in Israel. In 1935, our father made a difficult decision when he decided to leave the Prague University, where he studied, as well as his family and close girl friend in Poland in order to immigrate to Israel.

Our father was a part of the so called fifth immigration wave (1931 to 1939) "Fifth Aliya". This immigration wave consisted mainly of academicians, professionals and people with capital who contributed to the diversification of the prevailing agrarian Israeli economy. The harsh conditions and difficulties encountered generally during the first years in Israel were made easier for our father when in the beginning of 1936 his girl friend from Drohobycz - Lena Diamant - arrived in Israel. The wedding between Moshe and Lena took place at the end of that year.

The close relations of our father with his parents, Hercsh and Golde, made it possible for our mother to return to Poland in order to meet her husband's parents. Lucky for her (and us) she returned to Israel before the war was started.

Hersch and Golde Blam had several business ventures including oil related and wheat storage services. They had four children, three sons named Moshe, David and Yoseph, and a daughter named Manya. While our father was in Israel when World War II started, his family in Poland suffered from the Nazi atrocities. At the end of the war he found up that both his parents, his brother David's wife and their two children have perished. His two brothers and sister survived the war.

Years later our father became active in the Drohobycz-Boryslaw organization in Israel and we remember many activities of this organization in our home and elsewhere.

Our father and mother, Moshe and Lena Blam, had two children a son Yoram born in 1940 and a daughter Zehava born in 1946. In due course, both Yoram and Zehava had their own children and grand children. Life goes on and our parents' legacy to build a thriving country in Israel continues.