

Janusz Jundow Leaving For Palestine



This is my cousin Janusz Jundow in the centre of the picture with his mother, my father's sister and his colleagues from the Betar organisation. It was taken somewhere in Kovel. To the right of Janusz's mother is our cousin, Ida Zonenszajn, the daughter of the second sister of my father's. The photo was taken in Kovel in 1931 on the day my cousin left Poland for Palestine. In Kovel Janusz was a Betar supporter and later played an important role in the revolt against the English [he was a member of the revisionist underground in Palestine of the 1920s.] He belonged to the group led by Begin and Sztern, spent time in jail. Janusz and his brother Matys were the sons of my father's sister, whose name I don't know. Dr. Feldszu was also a member of Betar and wanted to create a Betar organization in our school. I remember that I was a Betar member for about a week, and then I switched to Hashomer Hatzair, which had branched out from the scouting organization. I remember that they wore Baden Powell hats and carried sticks. And I badly wanted to join them. I might have been five or six then. They were Jewish scouts, Cofim. But I remained in Hashomer Hatzair for a short while only, since by then I had completely different interests, completely down-to-earth - quite literally: I became a soccer player in the Maccabi club.