

The Voyage of the “Natan A”

The vessel “Nettuno”, which was now to carry out its first voyage with Ma’apilim under the name of “Natan A”, was purchased for Ha’Mossad Le’Aliya Bet by Enrico Levi, (who had also purchased the “Peter” A & B and the “Dalin”). She was prepared for the voyage by members of the “Gang”, (soldiers of the Jewish Brigade who went AWOL and established the fictitious “Transport Company”). The commander of the vessel was Yosef Landauer who was accompanied by Micky Haft. There was no time to find a Gideoni and the vessel sailed with no radio.

She sailed from the port of Bari, Southern Italy on August 27th 1945 and arrived at the shore of Caesarea on September 4th, without being discovered by the British. The Ma’apilim were debarked on the beach and distributed among the settlements of the region. The ship turned round and sailed back to Italy, with additional equipment and men. Less than one month later she sailed again with Ma’apilim under the name of “Natan B”

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