

**Falick, Meir**

Born in Essen, Germany, 2 September 1925

Made Aliya with his family in 1934

Joined the Palyam in 1944

Died 23 November 1959

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**This is the Way it Was**

Meir was born in Essen, Germany. His parents had a daughter and two sons and made a comfortable living from trading in gold and diamonds. At the beginning of the 1930's when anti-Semitism in Germany became virile, the family made Aliya to Palestine, which caused a very big change in their lifestyle, and their adjustment was a very difficult one.

Meir studied in Public Elementary School "A" in Haifa and then his studies ended. Because of their difficult economic situation the children had to work. When he was 14, he joined the Hagana and was active in the Noar HaOved youth movement. He was also active in the nautical section of Hapoel and studied in the evenings.

In 1944 he joined the Palyam and attended a course for small boat commanders in Caesarea and the 2<sup>nd</sup> course for naval officers which was held at Yagur.

In 1946 when he was 21 years old, he was sent to Europe to work in Aliya Bet. Despite his young age he did his job in Italy well. He was a member of the naval sabotage team and took part in sinking the "Lino" together with Yossale Dror and Benny Kravitz.

In 1947 he accompanied the Ma'apilim on the vessel, "Hatikva," and continued in work for Aliya Bet and procurement until 1950. In that year he returned to Israel, married and established a family. He worked in the military industries and at the same time he completed his studies. He died on 23 November 1959 at the age of 34. He left a wife and two sons.