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Col. David (Mickey) Marcus ***"A soldier for all humanity"***

by Zipporah Porath

A WELL-KEPT SECRET

**Israel's American West Point General, *Aluf Mickey Stone* –
a multi-faceted personality. Killed in 1948 in Israel's
struggle for survival and independence**

Col. David (Mickey) Marcus, a West Point graduate, was recruited at the end of 1947 as military adviser to David Ben-Gurion and the underground Haganah defense forces. In a tragic mishap he was killed on June 11 1948.

This booklet is based on interviews – never before published - conducted over 60 years ago on the first anniversary of Marcus's death with those who recruited him, with staff officers and soldiers who served with him, as well as with others whose lives he touched during the 200 days he was involved in Israel's struggle for survival and independence. He laid the basis for important changes in the nascent IDF and was himself changed by the experience.

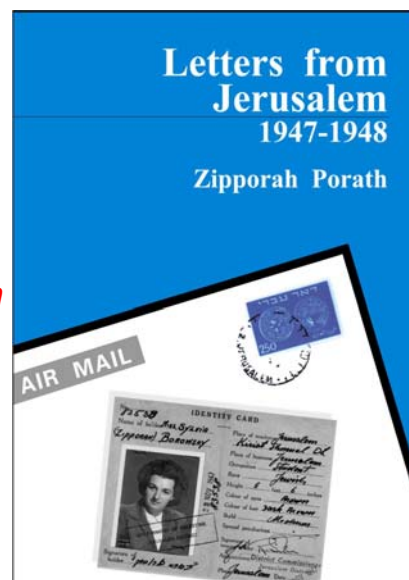
These on-the-spot interviews give a vivid, animated and faithful picture of the man, his motivation and his contribution to the Israel Defense Forces and add a proud and authentic voice to the history of that pivotal period. In a letter to his wife, he wrote: *"I doubt if I have ever done anything – anywhere – anytime, that is more worthwhile."*

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"I walked in a semi-daze through the crowds of happy faces, past the British tanks and jeeps piled high with pyramids of flag-waving, cheering children, past the crying, kissing, tumultuous crowds, all shouting 'mazal tov', and came back to the quiet of my room...to try and share with you this never-to-be-forgotten night."(Nov. 29, 1947)

Eyewitness to the Miracle of Israel's Birth

Zipporah Porath came to the Hebrew University in 1947 as an American student on a one-year program. Caught up in Israel's War of Independence, she joined the underground Haganah, served as a medic during the siege of Jerusalem and in the nascent Israel Air Force.

The letters she wrote to her family at that time describe vividly her feelings and impressions and capture the historic events as they were happening. Based on this eyewitness account, her talks bring these events alive with a freshness and immediacy that put the audience of today at the scene.

Zipporah Porath has been living in Israel since the establishment of the State. She is a freelance writer and a popular lecturer for groups of all ages, in Israel and abroad.

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