

Night Of Storm

By **Moshe Shamir**

Play no. 130

Opening show: 22/03/1954

Directed by : Zvi Friedland

Setting by: Moshe Mokady

The Cast

Kalman Yaffe: Shmuel Rodensky

Chaya Yaffe : Ina Govinska / Shoshana Duer

Rina: Dalia Friedland

Shlomo: Misha Asherov

The Stranger: Menachem Benyamini / Itzehak Bareket

The story takes place at Kalman Yaffe's farm, abandoned Arab property. Chaya, his wife, discovers that someone has repaired the storage house adjoining their property, but the identity of the man is undiscovered. Rina, their daughter, against her father's wish, joins the army. Kalman's feeling that his family is against him is aggravated when his son Shlomo informs him of his purchase of a truck, in order to leave farming. The next day the tension between father and son heightens when Shlomo demands his share of the farm in cash to repair his truck. He is refused, and leaves the house.

That night in the storm noises are heard which Kalman suspects are made by thieves. He goes out armed.

Meanwhile the stranger who has repaired the storage house appears and explains to Chaya that he was readying it in preparation for his family from themabara.

Two shots are heard. The thief who attempted to steal Kalman's horses has been shot.

It has begun to rain. A quarrel ensues between Kalman and the stranger over the possession of the storage house. Kalman had wanted it for his horses, and receives it by agreeing to let the stranger and his family move in with him. The stranger departs but returns immediately on finding the corpse of the thief shot by Kalman. It is Shlomo.

In the final scene Rina has returned from the army camp on receiving word of the tragedy. Kalman and his wife have been reunited and plan to leave the farm. However on learning that Shechter, the black-marketeer who had been responsible for Shlomo's actions, is to come into possession of the property on their departure; Rina decides to remain and to convince her parents to do likewise. Together with the stranger she begins to work on the farm which had suffered neglect during the critical days.