

BARON Maks (1891–?) actually Majer Hersz Częstochowski. He was born on 2nd August 1891 in Częstochowa, the son of Icchak and Bajla née Zajfert. He lost his mother at the age of five and, after his father remarried, he was raised by his grandmother. Until the age of twelve, he attended a *cheder*, after which he began working at Fajga's candle factory at ul. Kozia 5. In the years 1910-11, he worked as a barber in Iser Pakuła's shop.

In November 1912, he left for London and, from there, in 1913, he arrived in America, settling in Chicago. In June 1914, he graduated from an English elementary school and entered high school. He then studied at the University of Chicago. Where he attained a degree in philosophy. In 1924, he studied at the Sorbonne in Paris and visited a number of European countries.

In America, he took on the surname of "Baron". For a period, he taught French and Spanish in various Chicago elementary and high schools. He then became a language teacher at the DePaul Academy.

In June 1924, he married Felicja Rubinek from Warsaw, with whom he had a daughter Guta.

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