

**BIRNBAUM** Izaak (1890-). He was born on 5<sup>th</sup> May 1890 in Częstochowa, the son of Juda and Estera Liba née Rozenberg. Birnbaum came from a middle-class family. After completing his secondary education, he commenced work as a bookkeeper.

In 1905-09, he was a member of an anarchist-communist organisation. He lived in Russia where, in 1917-19, he belonged to the Social Democratic Workers' Party of Russia (the unifiers). From February 1919, he was a member of the Russian Communist Party (the Bolsheviks). From May to August 1919, he was a member of the audit committee in the quartermasters [section] of the 7<sup>th</sup> Division of the 14<sup>th</sup> Army.

In that same year, he returned to Poland. For a certain time, he stayed in Częstochowa and, in December 1919, he became active in the Communist Workers' Party of Poland (KPRP) in Łódź (he lived at ul. Piotrkowska 17 and, from 1920, at ul. Wólczańska 41). In February 1921, he was arrested and, as the result of a verdict of the District Court in Łódź in December of that same year, he was sentenced to eight years imprisonment. On 7<sup>th</sup> July 1922, the Court of Appeal in Warsaw reduced his sentence to three years and, following an amnesty, it was reduced to one and a half years. He served his sentence in prisons in Łódź and in Mokotów in Warsaw. In June 1923, he was released, after which he continued to be active in the KPRP, as well as in the cooperative field.

In December 1924, he left for the Soviet Union where, later, he worked as manager of the Grains Department of the State Bank in Krzywy Róg.

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