

BRAJBART Feliks Felek (1921-2005), table tennis player, coach. He was born in Częstochowa, the son of Pinchas and Chaja née Harwerger (in 1942, her parents and sister Sala perished in Treblinka).

He played table tennis at the Hapoel Sports Club in Częstochowa. Using the “penhold style”, he was the club’s top player. In 1941, he was forced to live in the Częstochowa ghetto. From 1942 (?) to 1945, he hid with the Krzyszkowski family in Żytno in the Radomski District.

After 1945, he lived in Częstochowa and, again, played table tennis. He played for the “Skra” club and, later, for the “Włóknierz” Sports Association. Brajbart was six-time Częstochowa singles champion. He represented Częstochowa in inter-city matches and participated in Polish championships (defeating, among others, Władysław Gaj, Witold Kawczyk and Tadeusz Patyński). He also played in the national table tennis league. He also coached young people.

Brajbart worked as a procurement manager for the “Metalowcy” Labour Cooperative (at ul. Przemysłowa 9). For four years, he served as a municipal lay judge. In 1968 (together with his wife and children), he was forced to leave the country and settled in Haifa, Israel. There, he conducted sports activities for young people. From 1995, he kept in touch with his colleagues in Częstochowa, some of whom he has helped financially.

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