

Nute Słomnicki

He was born in Częstochowa, in 1914, into a petit bourgeois family. He belonged to the *Freiheit* organisation from his earliest years, and was “*Rosh Ha’Ken*”¹. He later went on to become the life force of the *Poalei Zion* Party and the *Freiheit* youth organisation. He was also a regular contributor and correspondent of YIVO (Yiddish Scientific Institute²) in Wilno.

During the period of the “Big Ghetto”, he was active in the illegal pioneering movement as a member of *Ha’Chalutz*. He was elected member of the *Arbeiterrat* and invested a great deal of time in gathering materials on the disgraceful activity of the *Judenrat*.

Following the liquidation of the “Big Ghetto”, he joined Rywka Glanc’s newly-created *kibbutz*, together with his younger brother Izrael-Majer Słomnicki, who was also an active member of *Freiheit*, and he was elected to the *kibbutz*’s management committee. Both brothers took an active part in organising and forming the armed combat organisation. There was once an incident, where his younger brother was wounded while learning to shoot.

Both brothers fell in battle during the liquidation of the “Small Ghetto”.

¹ [TN: Heb., “Head of the Nest”, viz. leader of the cell.]

² [TN: Once the organisation relocated to New York City, it was given the English name “Institute for Jewish Research”.]