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 Institute\(^2\)) 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 Arbeittrat 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”.

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\(^1\) [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”.]