

Regina (Rywka) Kuperman-Rozenfeld z''/



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[She was the] daughter of Dawid Rozenfeld, a craftsman. She did not know her father because when she was born he, as a Russian soldier, was in the Russian-Japanese War – in which he perished. She always mentioned him with love in her heart.

Her mother Nacha (née Gryn) was left alone, at the age of 18*, with three children - Rywka, her brother Icek-Lajb and sister Różka (Rajzla). Their mother did everything to give her children a good education and was undeterred by any difficulties. The hard labour brought her a lung illness.

Her brother Icek-Lajb became an upholsterer and belonged to the Bund. He married Buchla Fridman. They had one daughter, Jadzia (Itka).

Her younger sister, Różka, began work as a seamstress at the age of 12. She belonged to the *Shtral* youth organisation of the *Vereinigte* Workers Club, and attended the working youth's evening courses. She later went over to the Communists, became one of their most dynamic activists and sat long years in the Polish prisons.

Regina Rozenfeld attended the Russian primary school headed by Mrs Wajzer, on ul. Teatralna. She studied Yiddish at the lame Rachel's, on ul. Garncarska. At 12, she began working as a hairdresser at Mrs Wajzman's small home-factory on the First Aleja 8, where the main employment was in the production of wigs. In 1916, the SS began organising the hairdressing workers and Regina Rozenfeld joined the movement. Besides her, among the active hairdressing workers were Maks Chrapot, S. Moszkowicz and a whole row of other individuals.

Due to her activity in organising the hairdressing workers, she was fired from her job and began working for herself. This brought about an improvement in her and her mother's situation.

Although they were a poor working family, without a father, and suffering poverty, life after work, amongst a great many friends and comrades, was interesting and filled with content. Regina Rozenfeld belonged to the *Vereinigte* and she took part in all the organisation's activities and rejoiced in all the celebrations. Her circle of close friends included Abram Wenger, Hela Wenger, Mania Herszlikowicz (later the wife of Mojsze Szajn), Fajgla Śliwińska (later Mrs Łękińska), Karola Szacher (married Maks Chrapot), Bajla Librowicz (married Dawid Chrapot), Helfgot, Renia Gross, Sure'le Opoczynski, Gerszon Munowicz and an array of others. When the Rozenfeld family lived in the summer in Ostrów, due to their mother's frail health condition, Michał Alter, Cesza Federman, Abram Bratt, Róża Plawner, Rajzla Fajertag, Mojsze Berkensztadt, Regina Warzecha and other comrades would spend time at their house.

In 1922, she travelled to America. In 1925, Regina married Henry Kuperman and had three children - Danny, Audrey and Joel. In 1931, Regina visited Częstochowa. Life, at the time, was normal in Częstochowa. For the last time, she sat with her mother and sister. They perished in 1939-45. The only one, who managed to save herself due to her familiarity with the Polish prisons, was her younger sister Różka. [She] died in Warsaw, following a severe illness.

* [TN: Dawid Rozenfeld and Nacha Gryn were married in Kłobuck in 1896.]

Regina was a member of the executive board for the publishing of the book *Czenstochover Yidn*.

Regina died on 4th July 1948. Honoured be her memory.