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Fajwlowicz [née Bialsk], Dobra¹



Daughter of Nuchem and Miriam [Bialsk née Gerszon]. Died at the age of eighty-nine in Częstochowa.

Fajwlowicz, Tauba



Daughter of Aba and Dobra; born in 1886 in Częstochowa. Arrived in America in 1913.

Fajwlowicz, Majer²

Born in Częstochowa in 1888. He worked at Werde's needle factory (*Iglarnia*), where a large number of Jews were employed (about 30%). Majer belonged to the *Poalei Zion* party and was a member of the city committee. In 1904, he helped to organise the workers of the needle factory and established the illegal Metal Industry Union.

As a consequence of the persecutions against his [own] family, he left for Łódź.

There, he became active in the Bund, under the pseudonym "*Der Schwarzer Majer*" [Majer the Black]. In 1905³,

following the "Bloody Wednesday" in Łódź, he returned to Częstochowa and once more joined the *Poalei Zion*. Once, when he was tasked with transporting May Day announcements, he and another comrade, Jakow Wajgensburg [Jacob Weigensberg] (currently in Canada), were arrested. He confessed to being a smuggler, took the entire responsibility upon himself, and sat for eleven and a half months in prison. In 1906, he was once more detained and broke out of the barrack where he was being held. The soldiers shot at him and a bullet hit his leg. He was apprehended as a result of the blood stains and was taken away to the hospital. He escaped from there also, spent some time in Vienna and returned to Częstochowa.

He was, once again, arrested during a raid on the SS [Party's] "Golda's tearoom", along with thirty-eight [other] people, and he was once more tried and imprisoned.

After his release, he once again travelled to Vienna, where he worked in a factory and was active in the *Poalei Zion* Party.

He came to America in 1914 and was active in the *Poalei Zion* party and the *Częstochower* branch of the Arbeiter-Ring in Chicago. He later joined the leftist movement and became a member of the International Workers Order. At the beginning, he was also involved in ICOR and took a very active part in the aid work for Częstochowa.

Frajtag, Godl



Born in 1895 in Częstochowa. His father, Icyk-Moszek, was a tailor. His

first childhood experience was the pogrom in 1902. At the time, he was studying in the *cheder* of Hercke *Melamed*. On the day of the pogrom, his mother Chasia⁴ came disguised as a Christian woman to take him home. They were living, at the time, in Weksler's building at Aleja 6 - one of the largest buildings in Częstochowa, with two courtyards and two iron gates. Many Jews hid here with their bit of "*bebeches*" [rags/bedding].

During the strike and the proclamation of the tsarist constitution in October 1905, Godl Frajtag already headed a procession of children with a red paper flag that his father made for him. At the age of thirteen, he began as an employee in a colonial goods shop and, in 1912, joined the *Poalei Zion* party. In the evenings, he studied with Hipek Gajsler (later Dr Hipolit Gajsler), who lived with his parents at Aleja 4, where he ran a learning circle for less prosperous children.

In 1914, during the First World War, he lived with his parents at ul. Piłsudskiego (formerly Dojazd) 27. *Poalei Zion* - as well as the other parties - began to organise. The first gatherings were held in the house of Abram Gotlib and in Szymon Waldfogel's *artel*⁵. When the Workers Home was established, he was in Friedenshütte [Nowy Bytom], near Beuthen [Bytom] in Germany⁶. He took an active part there in the founding of a cultural and support association. The following *Częstochowers* were elected to the association's committee of management: Brokman, Lewenhof, Fajerman, Feldman, Godl Frajtag and Berl (his surname has been forgotten).

In 1917, Godl Frajtag returned to Częstochowa, became a railway worker, and joined the Metal Union that had been organised by the SS. He was elected a member of the management committee. In the Flower Day [viz. fundraiser] that the union held, he and his partner Renia Gross (later Mrs Slezinger) won the first prize.

In 1918, the cooperatives started to be established. Godl Frajtag became an employee in the "Workers Home" cooperative (of *Poalei Zion*) and was

¹ [TN: Wife of Aba Fajwlowicz.]

² [TN: Brother of the latter; also son of Aba and Dobra.]

³ [TN: According to historical sources, the event called "Bloody Wednesday" took place in August 1906.]

⁴ [TN: Appears in the records as Racja née Berkowicz.]

⁵ [TN: An "artel" (Rus., артель), in the Tsardom of Russia, the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union, was a cooperative association of craftsmen living and working together.]

⁶ [TN: This region was part of Prussia at the time.]

one of the most active *Poalei Zion* activists in Częstochowa. He was chosen as a delegate to the workers council of the commercial employees. Along with Symcha Rajch and Jakow Kaufman, he took an active part in the elections to the first City Council, to which the *Poalei Zion* succeeded in having two councillors elected. He helped create the Borochoy Kindergarten and the affordable kitchen, next to the kindergarten, and was active in the Commercial Employees Union. His political affiliation did not prevent him from collaborating with other parties in general communal undertakings.

When the *Poalei Zion* party split up in 1921, into the right-wing faction led by Dr [Izaak (Ignacy)] Schipper [Szyper] and the left-wing one led by Zerubavel, Godl Frajtag remained with the right which, at the beginning, occupied the Workers Home premises. But they were a minority and were excluded from the party. They organised in a separate union using, as their premises, the home of Comrade Win.

As representative of the right-wing *Poalei Zion*, G.F. took part in the Palestine Bureau⁷ in 1923-24 and assisted the emigration to the Land of Israel. He was one of the patrons of the "*hachshara*" [training camp] of Ha'Chalutz⁸, which the Częstochowa *Poalei Zion* founded in Łęka, near Piotrków.

Upon his travelling from Częstochowa to the Land of Israel in 1925, both the right and left *Poalei Zion* alike participated in the banquet in his honour. Leon Zajdman - leader of the left-wing *Poalei Zion* - dedicated a poem to him. On behalf of the party, Symcha Rajch presented him with a *zeton* [badge] for his loyal work.

His organisational activity in the land of Israel began with the founding of the "Kvutza Frajtag" [F. Group]. This was a group of *Częstochowers* who worked under the auspices of the Histadrut as a collective group in building houses. Their first project was the construction of Aba Librowicz's house. Once the *Częstochower* immigrants organised themselves into a separate *landsmannschaft*, and when the [Irgun] Oley Częstochowa [Org. of Immigrants from Cz.] was later established, he was among the first to aid in the organisational work and, along with Mojsze Zylberszac, was elected to the management committee of Hitachdut

Oley Polin [Association of Polish Jews in the Land of Israel]. In 1929, he was elected Chairman of the *Częstochower landsmannschaft* in Tel-Aviv, and Rabbi Yishai [Jszajewicz] (the Rabbi of Wola) – honorary chairman. In 1931, he participated in creating the Bank for Polish Jews in the Land of Israel.

Once the work of building houses had ceased, the *Częstochower* "Kvutza Frajtag" worked in the construction of roads (highway works), after which G.F. founded a tea-packing plant and exported his tea to different parts of the globe: Africa, America, Canada, France, etc. His tea firm received awards at the World [sic Levant] Fair of 1929 in Tel-Aviv and [the International Colonial Exhibition] in Paris in 1931.

In 1932, he visited France, Belgium and Poland and organised the export of an entire array of manufactured goods to the Land of Israel. His warm affection for Jewish Częstochowa has never ceased. He twice visited Częstochowa - the last time in 1937. He wrote in the *Częstochower Zeitung* and *Unser Weg* (a Zionist weekly in Częstochowa) and spread the Częstochowa Yiddish newspapers in the Land of Israel. In his travels across different countries, he met with a great many *Częstochower landsleit* and campaigned for the idea of forming a *Częstochower* colony in the Land of Israel and a worldwide association of the *Częstochower landsleit* in all parts of the globe.

During the time of the Second World War, he did everything possible to organise the relief campaign for *Częstochowers* and to aid the *Częstochower* refugees in the Soviet Union and other countries.

He also assisted extensively the publication of the historical book *Czenstochover Yidn* by raising funds and with reports of the life of the *Częstochower landsleit* in the Land of Israel.

In 1939, when the *Mishmar Ezrachi* [Civil Guard] militia was established in the Land of Israel, Godl Frajtag was one of its founders and members. Up till now, he has already received a decoration for his five years of service. His daughter is one of the youngest officers in the *Mishmar Ezrachi*.

Fogel, Reb Akiwa z''l



Came to Częstochowa from Łask, near Łódź. He studied in Mstów near Częstochowa and, already in his youth, had a name as an *illui* [young prodigy]. He occupied himself with charity and good deeds for the poor folk in our city and always sat and studied. He was the founder of the first *manufaktura* [fabrics] business in Częstochowa.

He died in Częstochowa in 1940 and was buried there. May his soul be bound in the Bond of Life.

Fogel, Mendel

Born in 1880 in Łask (near Łódź). He took an active part in Częstochowa's communal life. He was *prezes* [president] of *Agudas Yisroel* and *dozór* [representative] in the *Kehilla*.

He shared the fate of the martyrs in the years 1939-1945.

Fox [Fuks], Abram (Detroit)

Son of [Chaim]-Kiwa and Laja [née Aronowicz]; born in Częstochowa in 1893. He married Jenny Krakowski. Came to America in 1921. In Częstochowa, he was the manager of the cooperative of the left-wing *Poalei Zion*. He was also one of the founders of the *Chenstochover Rajoner Verein* in Detroit. Until 1938, he was the secretary of the society. His wife Jenny is active in the Jewish People's [Fraternal] Order's reading circle and in the Order's Yiddish schools in Detroit.

⁷ [TN: Body active from the 1920s to the outbreak of the Second World War, which distributed certificates from the British authorities for Jews to immigrate to Palestine.]

⁸ [TN: Heb., "The Pioneer"; Jewish youth movement that trained young people for agricultural settlement in the Land of Israel.]

Finkel, Sam



Son of Juda-Mojsze and Itta-Bajla; born on 22nd December 1882 in Zawiercie and later lived in Częstochowa. Arrived in America on 16th November 1906. He belongs to Branch 90 of the International Workers Order, is a co-founder of the [American] Federation for Polish Jews and is on the administrative committee of the Jewish Congress, as well as of the United Jewish Appeal; one of the founders of the Jewish section of the Russian War Relief; former involved activist in the Bakers Union; co-founder of the Będzin-Sosnowicer Society and the Fraternal Order of Bendin-Sosnowiec⁹.

In 1938, Sam Finkel journeyed to the Soviet Union (he won the expenses of the trip in the campaign for the [newspaper] *Morgen Freiheit* [Morning Freedom]). Sam Finkel (Szmelke the Baker) married Malka Urman from Będzin. For twelve years, he was a baker and helped organise the Bakers Union in Będzin, Dąbrowa, Sosnowiec and Częstochowa. He belonged to the central management committee. At first, he was a member of the Bund and afterwards of the SDKPiL. He was arrested in Będzin and, in 1905, sat in jail for twelve weeks, after which he was sent away to Minsk. Following his return to Częstochowa, in 1906 he travelled to America. Here, he became a member of Branch 261 Arbeiter-Ring. When the split occurred, he switched over to the International Workers Order.

Finkel, Berl

Son of Szmul and Rywka Finkel; born in Częstochowa. His father was a Hebrew teacher there at the Talmud Torah. In 1924, he travelled to the Land of Israel, where he worked in Mizrahi's "Kvutza Juda-Arye". In 1928, he arrived in America, where he is employed in ladies' belts in New York.

Finkler, Dave

Son of Izaak-Majer and Chaja [née Bemska]; born in 1879 [in Częstochowa]. The family consisted of eight children - five daughters and three sons. Dave was the eldest. He learned to paint signs. He worked with the well-known painters Cymberknop and Zalcman. Came to America in 1900. Here, in 1915, he married Joy Lewit from Wieluń. He is an active member of the Wieloner [Benevolent] Association, where he was president a couple of times and also held other offices. He is also a member of the Czenstochover Relief Committee and has always helped in the work. His son-in-law Willie Goldberg was a lieutenant in the American army.

Fishel, Sadie¹⁰

Daughter of Nuchim and Mariem [Jelen]; died [sic.] born in Kamyk in 1913. She belongs to the Szczekociner Society.

Her son and son-in-law – both officers – served in the American army.

Fajner, Zalma



Son of Jakub-Majer and Udla; Majer's father. Born in Mstów; died at the age of forty-two in March 1904, in Częstochowa.

Fajner (née Kantor), Bajla[-Cyrła]



Daughter of Icze and Hena [Chanka née Rozenbaum], Majer's mother. Died at the age of sixty-three in 1931, in Częstochowa.

Fajner, Majer

Son of Zalma and Bajla[-Cyrła]; born in Częstochowa on 15th May 1895. He married Rojza Wisocki. Before coming to America, he was in London and in Canada. Arrived in America on 4th September 1916. He is an involved executive member in the *Częstochower* Branch 261 Arbeiter-Ring and an active member of the United Czenstochover Relief in New York.

Fajner, Majer

Son of Jakub-Majer and Udla; born in Wieluń. His wife Fajgla Fajner and their children perished as holy martyrs in Treblinka.

Fajner, Cudek¹¹



Born in Częstochowa in 1902. He perished together with his wife and children in 1945 at the hands of the German barbarians in a concentration camp in Germany.

Fajertag, Phillip [Pejsach] (Detroit)



⁹ [TN: It seems that these two societies were one and the same: the "Fraternal Order of Bendin-Sosnowicer Sick & Benevolent Society, Inc."]

¹⁰ [TN: Wife of Isadore "Izzy" Fishel.]

¹¹ [TN: Son of Zalma and Bajla-Cyrła; he was married to Szejwa Ungier, daughter of Chaim and Róza née Praszkievicz from Wieluń.]

Son of Nuta and Sura [née Jakubowicz]; born in Częstochowa in December 1886. Came to America in 1913. He is a member of the Arbeiter-Ring in Detroit. His son Max is serving in the American army.

Fajersztajn, Ruchla



Daughter of Mojsze and Szajndla Grinberg and wife of Abram-Zalma Fajersztajn. Died at the age of fifty-eight in 1921, in Mstów.

Fajersztajn, Abram-Zalma

Born in Olsztyn. Died at the age of thirty-two in 1882, in Częstochowa.

Fajersztajn, Brachja



Son of Abram-Zalma and Ruchla; died in Częstochowa.

Fajersztajn, Harry [Hersz]



Son of Abram-Zalma and Ruchla; born in Mstów on 6th May 1881. He lived in Łódź. In 1907, he married Frida [Fanny/Frajdl] Szpic from Częstochowa. Arrived in America on 4th July 1909. He is an executive member of the Erste Zaloshiner Chevra Anshei Bnei Achim, a member of the Zaloshiner Relief Committee, the Zionist Organisation, Young Israel, the Czenstochover Aid Society, the United Czenstochover Relief Committee, of which he is Vice-President, and of the *Czenstochover Yidn* Book Committee.

His family consists of three children. His son Sidney married Sybil Simon; his daughter Rose married Sam Bagatel, and his son Joe married Minnie Szeftel. He was a lieutenant in the American army.

Fajersztajn, Fanny



Daughter of Chil and Raca Szpic, born on 15th April 1887 in Częstochowa. On 25th December 1907, she was wed to Harry Fajersztajn and, in 1910, she came to America. She was a member of the Zaloshiner Chevra Anshei Bnei Achim Ladies Auxiliary, of the [Jewish Sanatorium and] Hospital for Chronic Diseases in Brooklyn, the Rose Rubel Society¹² in Flatbush, and at the Ladies Auxiliary of the Czenstochover Relief, as well as of the *Czenstochover Yidn* Book Committee.

For several years now, she has held the office of Vice-President of the Ladies Auxiliary and is one of the most active women there who are working for the home of old.

Fajersztajn, Mojsze-Lajb (Omaha, Nebraska)



Son of Herszl and Fajgla; born on 10th March 1890 in Częstochowa. Came to America in 1925. He is a member of the Jewish National Workers Alliance in Omaha, the Hebrew Club and the Zionist Organisation in America.

Fajersztajn, Herszl



Born in Częstochowa in 1878. He was a co-founder and the treasurer of the Częstochover Branch 261 Arbeiter-Ring, as well as a member and co-founder of the Czenstochover Relief. He died on 31st October 1938.

Fajersztajn, Chana



Daughter of Jankel Kremski; born in Częstochowa. She married Herszl Fajersztajn and, together, they came to

¹² [TN: A group dedicated to cheering up the bedridden patients at the said hospital for chronic diseases.]

America in 1906. The family consists of six children. The first meetings of the [Czenstochover] Aid Society and the Relief were held at Chana Fajersztajn's house. She is also member of the Czenstochover Ladies Auxiliary in New York.

Frydman, Zalman



Son of Abram; died in Częstochowa.

Fajerman, Samuel
(Detroit)



Son of Majer and Fajgla; born in Żarki (Poland) on 17th May 1894. He married Ester Fajerman. Came from England to America on 7th February 1922. He is a member of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order, Branch 42, in Detroit.



Ester Fajerman

Frojlich, Heinrich [Hersz-Dawid]
(St. Louis, Missouri)



Son of Icek [Ajzyk] and Nisla [née Holborn]; born in Częstochowa on 25th September 1884. Came to America on 21st December 1904. Member of the B'nai Brith organisation. He was one of the founders of a Częstochower association in New York, and was also secretary of the *Częstochower* Branch 261 Arbeiter-Ring.

Frydman, Gela-Hinda



Born in Częstochowa and died there in January 1904.

Frydman, Fajgla



Daughter of Szlama and Estera Goldberg [née Gliksman]; born in Częstochowa in 1893. Came to America in 1917. She died in a tragic accident on 3rd June 1922 in NY.

Frydman, Zysla¹³
(Chicago)



Daughter of Icze and Cyrila Kusy [née Sieradzki], born in Gorzkowice [near Rozprza] in 1878. Came to America from Częstochowa in 1927. She is a member of the Czenstochover Educational Society and Aid Society in Chicago.

Frydman, Sura-Ruchla¹⁴

Daughter of Icek-Jankiel and [Rywka]Laja Kozak [née Berkowicz]. Died at the age of forty-seven in 1904, in Częstochowa.

Frydman, Abram

Son of [Salomon] Zalman and Sura-Ruchla; born on 4th July 1878 in Częstochowa. He married Helen Kremsdorf. Came to America in August 1903. He is a member of the Czenstochauer Young Men's Society and the United Czenstochover Relief in New York. His son Harry served in the American army.



Frydman, Helen

Daughter of Jidl [Judka] and Chawa [Ewa] Kremsdorf [née Szyf]; born in Częstochowa on 15th January 1886. Came to America on 22nd September 1902. She is very active in the communal life – in the women's division of HIAS; treasurer of the

¹³ [TN: Wife of Nuchim-Jankel Frydman.]

¹⁴ [TN: Wife of Salomon (Zalman) Frydman; she was from Częstochowa and he from Działoszyn.]

general board of the Kremsdorf Family Circle, and of the functions of the Czenstochover Ladies Auxiliary; member of the Czenstochover Yidn Book Committee and of the Concourse Center Sisterhood [?].

Helen Frydman is one of the founders of the Czenstochover Ladies Auxiliary in NY.

Federman, Nusyn-Wigdor

Son of Icze and Pessa-Cetla; born in Przyrów (Poland). He died at the age of seventy in 1914, in Częstochowa.

Federman, Majer-Szymon (Sam) (Chicago)

Son of Nusyn-Wigdor and Tauba[-Hinda née Ast]; born in Przyrów in 1885. Came to America from Częstochowa in 1906. He is a member of Hebrew Progressive and the Chenstochover Educational Society in Chicago. His son Nathan served in the American army.

Federman, Dawid-Zalman (Chicago)



Son of Nusyn-Wigdor and Tauba-Hinda; born in Przyrów (Poland) in 1884. He married Ruchla [Rose] Saks and came to America in 1910. He is a member of the Bendziner Society, Hebrew Progressive and the Chenstochover Educational Society in Chicago.

Frydman, Nuchim-Jankiel



Son of Abram and Frajdla [née Kremska]; born in Warsaw in 1870. He married Zysla Kusy. Arrived in America in 1920. He was member of the Chenstochover Neighbourhood [Educational] Society in Chicago; he died there in 1940.

Frajlich, Mojsze

Father of Szlojme, Zysla, Joe, Etla, Emanuel, [twins] Chawa and Abram-Hersz, Ruchla [Rose] Mittler and Laja Garber. He died in 1907 in Częstochowa.

Frajlich, Joe

Son of Mojsze and Chaja; born in 1891 in Częstochowa. In 1912, he married Etla Piepsz. Arrived in America in 1912. He is a member of the Bakers Union, locale 169, and executive member of branch 307 of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order.

Frajlich, Emanuel

Son of Mojsze and Chaja; born in 1895 in Częstochowa. In 1920, he married Chaja Frajlich. Came to America in 1923. His son Morris was a volunteer soldier in the American army.

Fefer, Abram



Son of Mojsze and Estera; born on 1st May 1888 in Częstochowa. Arrived in America in December 1911. He is a member of the Czenstochauer Young Men's Society in NY.

Frajermauer, Jakub

Died in 1918 in Częstochowa at the age of eighty-five.

Freemour, Rela & [Aron-]Tobiasz



Son of Jakub and Rywa [Rywka née Halberg]; born in Częstochowa in 1897. Arrived in America in 1914. He belongs to the [First] Wloszczower Society [Inc.] He is a dress operator¹⁵.

Rela Freemour was born in a small *shtetl* near Częstochowa. At the age of nine, she comes to Częstochowa, where she is drawn into the communal work and joins the SS Party, whose local leader was Raphael Federman. Influenced by Federman, who goes over to the Bund, Rela also joins this party.

In 1924, she comes to America. Due to familial matters, she distances herself a bit from communal work; she educates her children as befits a member of a Jewish socialist party. They attend a Yiddish school. She herself is a member of the Arbeiter-Ring School 1, where she was chairlady for a short while.

When R. Federman comes to America and begins his activity here, Rela is drawn, once more, into the work. She becomes a member of the Czenstochover Relief, where she is an executive member. She is also a member of the Czenstochover Ladies Auxiliary.

¹⁵ [TN: One who works with sewing machines.]

Frajermauer, Lajb & Lina

Son of Jukel and Frajda; born 20th October 1885 in Częstochowa. Came to America in 1906. Member of the Young Men's. Their two sons – Max and Abe – served in the American army.

Frajtag, Herszl



Reb Herszl Frajtag was a well-known name in Częstochowa. For fifty years, he was *shames* [custodian] at the "German *Shule*". Even before this synagogue was built, he had been *shames* of a prayer-group which was called "Rajcher's *minyán*" at First Aleja 10, to which Częstochowa's aristocracy belonged, such as Rajcher, Wiernik, Henig, Werde, Herc, Grossman, Markusfeld, Gradsztajn, Freund, Imich and others. This same *minyán* built the "German *Shule*" (New Synagogue) in 1894. The plot for the synagogue was donated by Henig.

In 1935, Reb Herszl Frajtag died at the age of 107. Godl Frajtag, in the Land of Israel, is his grandson.