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### **Pakele [Pakuła?], Lajbel & Mrs**



**Paul (Pakuła), Isser**  
(Chicago)



Son of Mendel and Rajzla; born in Tomaszów Mazowiecki on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1885. He married Chana Welner. Came to America on 4<sup>th</sup> May 1914. In Częstochowa, for many years, he was active in the SS Party. He is a member of the Chenstochover Educational Society in Chicago and the treasurer of an institution for the care of Jewish children in Chicago.

**Paul (Pakuła), Welwel**  
(Chicago)



*The children of Welwel Pakuła,  
Mendel and Ruchel*

Son of Mendel and Rajzla; born on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1888 in Tomaszów Mazowiecki. He married Szajndla Grosman. Came to

America on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1922. He and his wife are active members of the Chenstochover Educational Society and [Ladies] Aid Society in Chicago. He is active in the Relief Committee and is a long-standing executive member.

His son Mendel served in the American army.

### **Piepsz, Abram**



Son of Icek-Szlojme and Frajda; born in 1870 in Koniecpol (Poland). He died in Częstochowa in 1935.

### **Pepper, Tessie (Taub)** **& Max (Majer)**



Son of Abram and Dina Piepsz; born on 14<sup>th</sup> April 1900 in Częstochowa. For many years, he lived in Germany and France. Arrived in America in 1919. He belonged, at one point, to the Arbeiter-Ring and later to the International Workers Order.

Fifteen years ago, he was active in the Chenstochover [Rajoner] Verein in Detroit. He was also active in the

[Jewish People's] Fraternal Order in Los Angeles, Ca. Over the course of time, he has held various communal offices and is currently Chairman of the Czenstochover [and Vicinity] Aid Society in Los Angeles.

His son Sheldon Sam, who was born on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1920, served in the American army. Max Pepper currently lives on S. Poinsettia Place 224, Los Angeles, Ca.

### **Posner, Chaja-Sura**

Daughter of Jakow and Ester; born in Częstochowa in 1902. Came to America in 1920. She belongs to the International [Workers] Order, ICOR<sup>1</sup>, the Gorelik Reading Circle and YKUF<sup>2</sup>. She holds the office of secretary of the Gorelik Reading Circle. She is the wife of [the Yiddish writer] Raphael Posner.

### **Posner, Raphael**

Son of Chil-Icek and Perla-Judes; born in Lutomiersk in 1898. Before coming to America, he lived in France, Germany, Belgium, Cuba, Mexico and Guatemala in South America. He arrived in North America in 1926.

### **Prokosz, Reb Josef z"l** (Josse'le Kira<sup>3</sup>)

He was known in Częstochowa as Reb Josse'le Kira. He was one of the types of Jews whom one almost cannot find in the latest times. Humble and peaceful by nature, in Częstochowa, he had only good friends - and there was no one to be found in town who spoke an evil word of him. He was a halachic authority and a member of the Częstochowa Rabbinate.

Reb Josse'le was one of the greatest Torah scholars in Częstochowa, sitting and studying day and night. More than once, he was so engrossed in his study, that it was necessary to remind him of mealtimes. His house was always a meeting-house for the sages<sup>4</sup>. People came from all over the city to ask him questions in their study and just to seek his counsel in different matters, as well

<sup>1</sup> [TN: Organisation for Jewish Colonisation in Russia.]

<sup>2</sup> [TN: "Yiddisher Kultur Farband", or Jewish Culture Association.]

<sup>3</sup> [TN: Yiddish nickname for Austrian Jews.]

<sup>4</sup> [TN: Ref. to Pirkei Avot, Ch.1, mishna 4: "Jose b. Joezer of Zeredah said: Let thy house be a meeting-house for the Sages etc."]

as with halachic lawsuits. In deciding questions regarding the dietary laws, he was lenient<sup>5</sup>. He found it very difficult to utter the word “*treif*” [not kosher].

Reb Josef Prokosz was born in 1872 in Galicia. He was brought to Częstochowa by the wealthy man renowned in our city, Reb Nut'l Pankowski, to learn with his children and sons-in-law. From then onwards, he lived in Częstochowa and married the daughter of Reb Hersz-Joel [Amsterdamer] *Amstower*<sup>6</sup>.

Loved and esteemed by the entire Jewish populace in Częstochowa, regardless of their political inclinations, Reb Josse'le *Kira* was one of the residents in whom Częstochowa took pride. He shared the fate of the martyrs in the years 1939-1945.

May his soul be bound in the Bond of Life.



**Preger, Gerszon z'I**

Came to Częstochowa in 1911 from Brisk [Brześć/Brest]. Known in our city as a Zionist and communal activist. Took part in the development of the metal industry in Częstochowa.

Died in 1942 in Częstochowa.

**Pytel, Judl**  
(Chicago)

Son of Szlama-Majer and Gitla [née Herszel]; born in Częstochowa on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1889. Came to America on 26<sup>th</sup> July 1912. He is a member of the Chenstochover Aid Society in Chicago.

**Pinkus, Benjamin**

Son of Aron and Gnendla [née Moszkowicz]; born in Częstochowa on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1880

## **Pillin [née Sukonik], Polia**

[TN: Polia Pillin is mostly known as an acclaimed ceramist.

She was wed to William (Elchunon) Pillin.]



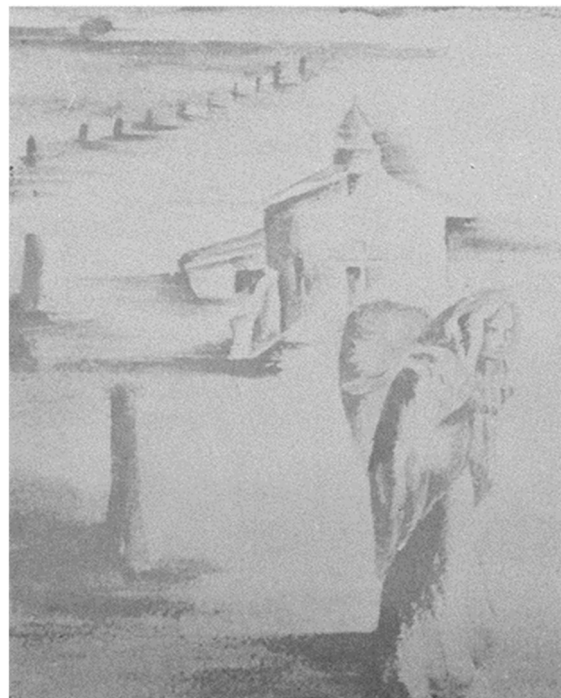
She was born in Częstochowa, where she attended the Częstochowa I.L. Peretz schools.

She came to America in 1930 and became famous here as an artistic painter.

She has had exhibitions in New York, Chicago and other localities, and was received warmly everywhere.



*“Chicago Side Street” by Polia Pillin*



*“New Mexico Life” by Polia Pillin*

<sup>5</sup> [TN: Meaning that he was too kind to bear telling a poor Jew to throw away a chicken, for instance, and go hungry on Shabbes, and he therefore sought halachic justifications to rule it kosher.]

<sup>6</sup> [TN: Viz. from Mstów.]