

**FALK** Henryk Chaim (1901-1943), doctor, reserve officer. He was born on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1901 in Bielsko near Płock. He was the son of teacher Jakub and Asna née Surawska. During World War I, the family settled in Łódź. On 11<sup>th</sup> September 1920, Henryk was conscripted into the Polish Army and probably took part in the Polish-Bolshevik War.

In 1929, he graduated in medicine at the University of Wilno. He was an ear, nose and throat specialist, with the qualification of doctor of medicine. He was known for his activities in the Wilno Jewish students' halls of residence and in intellectual circles.

Initially, he practised in Wilno but, at the end of 1931, he moved to Częstochowa. There, he worked at the clinic of the Society for the Protection of the Health of the Jewish Population in Poland (TOZ) and at the hospital of the "Dobroczynność" Charitable Society for Jews (on ul. Mirowska). He also ran a private medical practice. He lived at ul. Kościuszki 14 and, from 1933, at II Aleja 37. From 1<sup>st</sup> January 1933, he was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, with seniority, in the backup staff at the No.4 District Hospital (PKU Łódź), but it is not known as to whether he took part in the 1939.

At the beginning of the occupation, he was still seeing patients at II Aleja 37. But, in April 1941, he was forced to move inside the ghetto. During the liquidation of the ghetto in the autumn of 1942, he and his family were in the *mikvah* at ul. Garibaldiego 18. In the "Small Ghetto", he lived at ul. Mostowa 9, in the "doctors' house".

His wife was Jadwiga née Rejcher. They had a daughter Ania (25<sup>th</sup> March 1936 Częstochowa-). They were killed on 20<sup>th</sup> March 20 III 1943 in the mass execution of the Jewish intelligentsia at the local Jewish cemetery. They were buried there in a mass grave (No. 28–31 III).

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