

FRAJMAN Rywka (1886-1943) née Rubel, political activist. She was born on 20th May 1886 in Piotrków Trybunalski), the daughter of Moszek, a turner in Piotrków, and Fajgla Jenta née Głogowska.

From the first years of the 20th century, she lived in Częstochowa (at the Stary Rynek), working as a dressmaker. She was involved in political activities. She belonged to the Bund operating in the underground. She distributed the party press. In 1906, as an instructor, near Mstów and near the lime kilns in suburb Częstochowa, she conducted training for members of the Bund's fighting organisation. She was accidentally injured in the lung while practising shooting.

She was arrested three times by the Russian police – the first time on 12th January 1906, then in 1907 (at the time, held in custody for three months in Częstochowa) and then on 21st July 1911. She was banned from living in Warsaw, Piotrków Lublin and Siedlce districts. In the 1920s and 1930s, together with her husband and children, she lived at al. Wolności 19 in Częstochowa.

In April 1941, she and her family were forced, by the Germans, into the Częstochowa ghetto. (They lived at Stary Rynek 24). Together with her family, she hid and avoided the deportations of September and October 1942. On 4th January 1943, following the death of husband, she volunteered to be transported to the Treblinka extermination camp.

In 1914, she married → Herszlik Frajman. They had two children: Szmul (1918-), who graduated from Dr. Filip Axer's Gimnazjum, and Ada (14th November 1924 Częstochowa - 3rd July 2017 Israel), married Ofir, student at Dr. Filip Axer's Gimnazjum, after 1945, settled in Israel.

Ofir, *Tak się zaczęło moje przyszłe życie*, pp. 235, 236, 266. - AP Łódź, Management of the Gendarmerie of Częstochowa and Noworadomsko Counties 176, p. 28. – Materials (extracts from civil registers).

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