

HOROWICZ Irena née KON (1916–1943), doctor. She was born on 4th June 1916 in Zduńska Wola, her mother being Zofia née Szajn.

She graduated in medicine in 1936. She ran a private medical practice in Łódź. In 1939, she lived at ul. Kilińskiego 63.

During the German occupation, she found herself in Częstochowa. At that time, she lived at al. NMP 31 and, later, at al. NMP 18. From 9th April 1941, she was in the Częstochowa ghetto. She survived the deportations in September and October 1942 and ended up in the “Small Ghetto”, living at ul. Mostowa 9. On the day when the “Small Ghetto” was liquidated, Hauptmann Degenhardt offered her the chance to survive – the price was to leave her child. Horowicz rejected the offer and, additionally, took care of another child who had been abandoned. Together with them, she got onto the truck, which was to take them to the place of execution. She was murdered by the Germans at the Jewish cemetery on 26th June 1943, together with her four-year-old son Aleksander.

The symbolic (?) grave (paid for by her husband Borys Szajn) bears the inscription: “To your glory and the eternal shame of the German nation”. In the cemetery, it is grave No. 12 III).

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