

**LIBROWICZ** Marek Mordka (1897-1942), ophthalmologist, reserve army officer. He was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1897 in Częstochowa, the son of Szlama, a tailor, and Udla née Kałużyńska, the brother of Leon, uncle of poet and translator Irit Amiel.

He graduated from the Wincenty Szudejko Gimnazjum in Częstochowa, matriculating on 28<sup>th</sup> May 1916). He studied medicine at the University of Warsaw. He joined the Polish Army, from which he was detached, on 7<sup>th</sup> January 1920, in order to continue his studies. He received his medical degree, on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1924, from the University of Warsaw. As an assistant, he worked in an ophthalmology clinic in Praga. He practised in Brześć nad Bugiem, his surgery located at ul. Piłsudskiego 16. At the beginning of 1936 (?), he moved from his Częstochowa hometown (his surgery was located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of al. Kościuszki 14). Soon after, probably in 1938, he returned to Brześć Litewski.

He was a reserve Second Lieutenant (commissioned on 1<sup>st</sup> June 1925), but it is not known as to whether he took part in the war in 1939. In 1941, after the Germans occupied Brześć, he and his family found themselves in the local ghetto. He died on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1942.

His wife was Natalia née Rotlewicz (1897-1942), the daughter of Warsaw doctor (?) Herman Hersz and Lena née Erdrajch, who, in 1941-1942, worked as a nurse in a hospital. They had a son - Zbigniew (1926–1942).

Gliński, *Słownik lekarzy i farmaceutów*, vol. V, pp. 168–169. – *Rocznik lekarski 1933/34*, col. 55; *Rocznik oficerski rezerw 1934*, pp. 224, 794; *Urzędowy spis lekarzy 1939*, p. 130 (doctors). – “Częstochower Cajtung” 1936, No. 27, p. 1. – APCz, birth record No. 30/1897; – JW 8671499, 5209934, 5209894.

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