Mendel Friedlander

Mendel was born to Szlojme and Rajzla in Częstochowa, where he lived at ul. Mostowa 17.

He was in the “Big Ghetto”, the “Small Ghetto” and was then barracked in HASAG-Pelcery. During the period of the gruesome massacres and mass selections, Mendel Friedlander’s two brothers, Jakow-Nojech and Wolf, and his sister Ruchla perished in sanctification of the Name [of God] and the People [of Israel].

In January 1945, he was deported to Buchenwald and, from there, to a whole series of other concentration camps. He was liberated, on 30th April 1945, by the American army.

Following liberation, Mendel Friedlander travelled back to Częstochowa, where he met his wife Chana’le. They left the bloodied Polish soil and emigrated to Germany, where they lived in Zeilsheim, near Frankfurt am Main.

In 1948, Mendel Friedlander arrived in Montreal, with his wife and little daughter. He is a member of the Executive and takes an active part in the Society’s activities.

Chana’le (née Erlichman) Friedlander

Chana’le comes from Zagłębie and, from 1931, lived in Częstochowa. She is the daughter of Abram and Zysla Erlichman and the wife of Mendel Friedlander.

She was in the “Big Ghetto”, the “Small Ghetto” and was then barracked in HASAG-Pelcer. She was liberated on the night from 16th to 17th January 1945 in Częstochowa.

She arrived in Montreal in 1948, together with her husband and little daughter.

Chana’le Friedlander is involved in the Ladies Auxiliary and takes an active part in all the Society’s undertakings.