Szlojme Szwimer

Szlojme was born to Josef and Fajgla (née Gelber) in Częstochowa where, before the War, he lived at the Old Market Square [Stary Rynek] 19.

He was in the "Big Ghetto", then in the "Small Ghetto" and was barracked in HASAG-Pelcery. He was deported to Germany, where he was in the Dora concentration camp.

He was liberated in Bergen-Belsen on 15th April 1945.

He emigrated to Israel, where he remained until 1960. At the end of 1960, with his wife and children, he came to Canada.

He participates in the Society's activities.

Berl Szynkarski

Berl was born in Częstochowa, in 1926, to Fajwel and Ester (née Jszajewicz). When the War broke out, Berl Szynkarski was barely fourteen years old.

Berl Szynkarski's parents and several family members were hidden in a bunker. When the "Small Ghetto" was liquidated and there was no possibility of supplying the bunker with food, and there was the danger of everyone in the bunker dying of starvation, cold and disease, Berl and his uncle Szame Szynkarski made efforts to rescue those hiding in the bunker and to bring them into HASAG.

The murderous HASAG *Werkschutz* leader and several other Nazi bandits went over to the bunker and took all the Jews. Instead of bringing them to HASAG, they led them away to the cemetery and shot everyone.

On 15th January 1945, Berl Szynkarski was deported to Buchenwald and, afterwards, to various concentration camps. He was liberated on 2nd May 1945 by the American army.

In 1955, Berl Szynkarski arrived in Montreal, Canada. He is active in the Society, participating in all the undertakings, and contributes to all the funds and fundraisers.

