

ROZENFELD Różka Rajzla (1903–1943), seamstress, communist activist, combat group commander of the Jewish Fighting Organisation (ŻOB). She was born on 27th November 1903 in Częstochowa, the daughter of Dawid and Nacha née Gryn, sister of → Icyk Lejb and → Regina Kuperman.

At the age of twelve, she began work as a seamstress. She belonged to the “Sztrał” at the “Farejnikte” workers’ club. She studied in evening classes for working youth.

In the 1920s and 1930s, she belonged to the KPP [Communist Party of Poland] and was a member of the KPP’s district committee in Radomsko. On 1st May 1926, she was arrested in Częstochowa during a demonstration. She stood trial after being under arrest for seven months. After the first sentence was annulled (the lawyer destroyed evidence), in 1927, she was again sentenced, this time to four years imprisonment.

During the German occupation, from the autumn of 1940, she headed the “Spartakus” district committee in the Warsaw ghetto. She organised shooting practice and supported the escape of Jewish youth from the ghetto into the forest. From 1942, she was commander of the Gwardia Ludowa [People’s Guard], and then of a ŻOB group.

She perished in the bunker at ul. Leszno 74, while fighting the Germans during the ghetto uprising.

Słownik uczestniczek walki o niepodległość Polski 1939–1945. Poległe i zmarłe w okresie okupacji niemieckiej, Warsaw 1988, p. 343; *Czenstochower Yidn*, p. 154; *Czenstochow*, p. 291.

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