

SZTAJNIC Maurycy Mordka (1907–1943), doctor. He was born on 16th December 1907 in Częstochowa, the son of Icchak, a merchant, and Jadwiga Jacheta née Laudon. (Both parents perished in Treblinka.) He came from a well-known merchant family.

His grandfather Chil (1859-1933) came to Częstochowa from Krzepice circa 1881. Here, he married Chaja Kozusznik and was a skins trader (at Stary Rynek 28). For many years, Chil was also the *gabbay* (manager) of the Old Synagogue. In 1931, he stood for election to the Jewish Community Council, but was unsuccessful. Later, his sons ran a leather and cobbler's accessories shop at ul. Berka Joselewicza 2).

In 1928, he graduated from the R. Traugutt No.2 State Gimnazjum in Częstochowa. He completed his medical studies in Prague, Basel and at the Stefan Batory University in Wilno which is where, in 1935, he received his medical diploma. He specialised in nervous and internal illnesses. In Częstochowa, he ran a private practice at II Aleja 31).

During the first period of German occupation, he lived and practised at I Aleja 11. During the liquidation of the ghetto and the deportation of the Jews (September-October 1942), he lived in the building at ul. Garibaldiiego 18. He was later moved into the "Small Ghetto" and lived at ul. Mostowa 9.

He died on 20th March 1943 in the mass execution of the Jewish intelligentsia at the Jewish cemetery, He rests in grave No. 28–31 III.

His wife was Maria née Gliklich (1909-1943). She perished, with her husband, on 20th March 1943, at the Jewish cemetery (grave No. 28-31 III).

Gliński, *Słownik lekarzy i farmaceutów*, vol. III, p. 358; Wyględowski, *Almanach lekarzy*, p. 333. – Brener, *Widersztand*, p. 175; "Traugutt", p. 231. – *Rocznik lekarski 1938*, col. 86; *Urzędowy spis lekarzy 1939*, p. 225 (doctors). – "Częstochower Cajtung" 1935, No. 50, p. 5; 1937, No. 42, p. 1.

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