

Abram Gotlib

Henry Grauman, Los Angeles



Harry Grauman was born in Częstochowa in 1898 to impoverished parents. His father was a cobbler, who barely managed to sustain his large family.

Seeing as the family numbered seven persons and the need was great, he was already forced, from his earliest years, to begin working. At the age of ten, he began work at Konarski's toy factory and, at twelve, he went to a tailor as apprentice.

During the First World War Grauman voluntarily joined the German Army, where he laboured digging trenches. After a certain time, together with other Jewish workers, he travelled to Germany and worked there in the coal mines.

In 1923, Grauman arrived in New York and immediately joined the *United Czenstochover Relief Committee*. After a couple of years, Grauman settled in Los Angeles where, in 1944, he helped found the local *Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society*. He was chosen as the Society's secretary, a position which he holds to this day and to which he dedicates a great deal of time, effort and sacrifice.