The Life and Demise of Our Parents Reb Szlojme and Mrs Gittel Rajchman hy’’d

For many years, our beloved parents lived at Stary Rynek 20 [Old Market] and earned their livelihoods from a grocery store on that same street, at No.12. They had four sons and five daughters.

Our father, Reb Szlojme, was a scholarly Jew, as well as a great philanthropist. For over twenty years, he served as gabay at the Aleksander shtiebel and was a man of importance with the Aleksander Rebbe.

Also our mother, Gittel, was a very religious woman and a philanthropist, who liked to support the needy in a dignified manner, so as not to cause, Heaven forbid, shame or sorrow.

Their eldest son, Perec, went away to Germany in 1920. In 1938, the Nazis arrested him and sent him to the Dachau concentration camp. Thanks to his energetic wife Bluma (a daughter of Reb Icze Katz), he was freed and lives with his children and grandchildren in England.

Our sister Sara Rajnherc and her husband perished in Sosnowiec and Mindel Borensztajn and her husband perished in Częstochowa. Lajacze and her husband Pinkus Szylit were dragged by the Nazis out of a bunker and sent to the place from whence none return. The daughter Frymcze and her husband Zelig Klajnberg shared the same fate - they perished in Białystok.

When the Nazis in Częstochowa started upon the Old Market, we hid our parents in a bunker. In the akcja, their son Pinkus was killed. Only Jechiel and Chanale remained alive. After the “Small Ghetto” was established, we continued concealing our parents. The poor folks suffered from morning to late at night, in a lying position in an attic. On Shavuos 1943, the “Small Ghetto”, too, was liquidated. Jechiel and Chanale were transferred to the HASAG camp and the house, where our parents had been hiding, was burned down by the German murderers, together with our martyred parents!

May God avenge their blood!

Their deeply tearful, surviving children:

Perec Rajchman (London), Jechiel Rajchman (Tel-Aviv),
and Hela (née Rajchman) Rajch (Holon)