

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.



Reb Szlojme and Gittel Rajchman and their family hy''d

Our sister **Sara Rajnherc** and her husband perished in Sosnowiec and **Mindel Borensztajn** and her husband perished in the Łódź ghetto. Their son **Wolf** and his wife and daughter perished in Częstochowa. **Lajacze** and her husband **Pinkus Szylit** were dragged by the Nazis out from 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)**