

WAJNSZTOK (WAJNSZTOKÓWNA) Zofia Szyfra Rachela (1895-1935), teacher, school supervisor and owner. He was born on 29th June 1895 in Częstochowa, the daughter of Icek Jonas (?-1907) and Alta Nacha née Zygmuntowicz. She was the sister of → Leon Wajnsztok.

She graduated from the mathematics Department of the University of Warsaw. In 1916, she established a private school, which survived the difficult period of World War I. It continued to develop, despite the fact that it did not receive any external subsidies. In 1926, it still operated as a Preparatory School – having classes only up to Grade 4. However, in the following year, it gained the rights of a state school.

Over time, it became the Private 7-Grade Co-educational Elementary School, together with a kindergarten. Originally, the school was located at ul. Piłsudskiego 13. At the beginning of the 1930s, it moved to the building at Aleja 20.

Zofia Wajnsztok did not start a family. She devoted all her energy to educating and raising children. She was also one of the most loved and respected educators. She lived in the school building.

She died in Częstochowa on 22nd May 1935 and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery (grave No. 1172 I).

Following her death, the school was named in her honour – “Zofia Wajnsztok” – and her brother, Leon Wajnsztok, took over the running of it.

Grządzielski, *Z problemów opieki i kształcenia młodzieży żydowskiej w Częstochowie w latach 1912–1939*, p. 54; Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, p. 240 (re: father). – “Częstochower Cajtung” 1926 No. 3 p. 1; 1927 No. 34 p. 6; No. 36 p. 6; 1935, No. 21, p. 1 and 5 (obituary).

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