

WAJSBERG (WEISSBERG, WEJSBERG) Rachel Rosa (1884-1943), doctor. She was born on 27th August 1884 in Kraków.

In 1905, she graduated from the St. Anna Gimnazjum in Kraków. She then studied in the Medical Faculty of the Jagiellonian University, gaining her medical degree on 9th January 1912. She completed her internship in hospitals in Vienna and, in 1917-1921, in Sarajevo. She was entered into the Kraków Chamber of Medicine in 1921.

In that same year, she began working at the hospital of the “Dobroczytność” Charitable Society for Jews (TDdŻ) in Częstochowa. She was an internist and and gynaecologist-obstetrician.

From 1st December 1922, she was listed as an attending physician at the County Health Fund in Częstochowa. In 1924, she was also seeing patients at the medical clinic in Zawodzie. In 1927, on the list of the Independent Jewish Intelligentsia, she ran, unsuccessfully, for election to the Częstochowa City Council. She belonged to the Częstochowa branch of the Polish Red Cross.

At the end of the 1930s, she lived at ul. Mirowskiej 13/27 (within the grounds of the TDdŻ Hospital). At the beginning of the German occupation, she lived at ul. Sowińskiego 39. In 1941, she was forced by the Germans to live in the local ghetto. She survived the liquidation of the ghetto in September and October 1942 and later lived in the “Small Ghetto”.

On 20th March 1943, she was transported to the Jewish cemetery and, there, was shot in the mass execution of the Jewish intelligentsia. Her name can be found on the slab of the mass grave No. 28–31 III. According to Liber Brener, she perished on 20th July 1943 in a mass execution and rests in grave No. 32 III.

It is presumed that she did not start a family.

Gliński, *Słownik lekarzy i farmaceutów*, vol. I, pp. 433–434. – Pietrzykowski, *W obliczu śmierci*, p. 90 (here, wrongly: Wajnberg); Suchmiel, *Kariery zawodowe lekarek*, p. 97. – “Goniec Częstochowski” 1922, No. 275, p. 2, 1924, No. 128, p. 2, 1932, No. 260, p. 3. – *Rocznik lekarski 1933/1934*, col. 104; *Urzędowy spis lekarzy 1939*, p. 241 (doctors, here: Wajsberg); *PCK. Sprawozdanie 1933*, pp. 25, 73; *Verzeichnis*, p. 89. – APCz, Starostwo Powiatowe Częstochowskie IV/803, k. 33 (1932 list of doctors in Częstochowa County), AmCz 5412, p. 228.

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