

WASILEWICZ Halina Chaja Ita (1946-2017), an activist for the Jewish community in Częstochowa. She was born on 9th April 1946 in Częstochowa, the daughter of → Jankiel Wasilewicz and Brandla née Cwajhaftig.

Wasilewicz worked in the Office Assistance Bureaus in Częstochowa. From the 1950s, she was associated with the Częstochowa branch of the Social-Cultural Association of Jews in Poland (TSKŻ). In its rooms, [then] at ul. Jasnogórska 36, she learned about Jewish traditions and took part in games and competitions.

From 1974, she led the local branch of the TSKŻ. She initiated and organised a great number of meetings and cultural events – performances, concerts (including those with the participation of artists from the Jewish Theatre in Warsaw) and exhibitions. In the TSKŻ, she co-organised the celebrations of Jewish holidays.

She died on 29th January 2017 in Częstochowa and was buried in the Jewish cemetery in Warsaw. In 2017, thanks to the efforts of Ryszard Welgryn, a medal was issued which was dedicated to her. The local TSKŻ organised a memorial evening in her honour.

She had a son, Jakub.

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