

**WILLINGER** Hersz Mendel (?-1943) Bundist, participant in the rebellion in Treblinka.

Before the war, he was a bakery worker and was an active Bund member. He continued being active in the underground. As a Bund representative, he joined the executive of the inter-party Workers' Council (*Arbeter-rat*). He was one of its most active members. At the Council's last meeting, on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1942, it was decided that, since armed resistance was impossible, the members should go on the transports with the others. On 1<sup>st</sup> October 1942, together with his family, he was deported to Treblinka.

From the transport, together with Richard Glazar, he was selected to work in the lower camp, sorting clothes and other valuables belonging to the victims. Together with → Mosze Lubling, he was one of the initiators in the creation of an armed organisation in the camp and in the preparation for a prisoner revolt.

In November 1942, they wrote a letter, from Treblinka to Częstochowa, in which they described the fate of the Częstochowa Jews. They sent it via a Polish railwayman. In August 1943, Willinger took part in the Treblinka rebellion and perished.

His wife, Szyfra née Midzińska, together with their children, perished in Treblinka on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1942.

*Czenstochow*, p. 293; Brener, *Widersztand*, pp. 65, 82, 114; Orenstein, *Churban Czenstochow*, p. 43; Chris Webb & Michal Chocholatý, *The Treblinka Death Camp: History, Biographies, Remembrance*, Stuttgart 2014, p. 303.

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