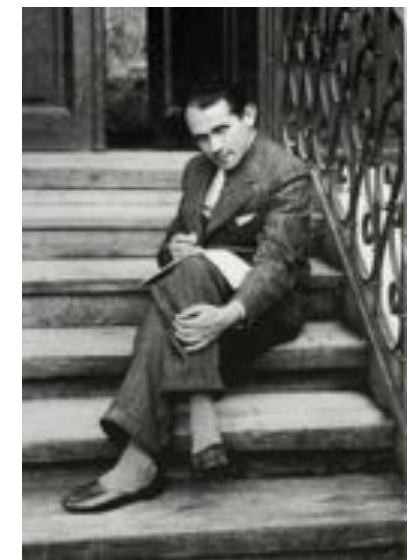


Artwork as Witness to History

Dr. Michał Chajes and a Drawing by Bruno Schulz

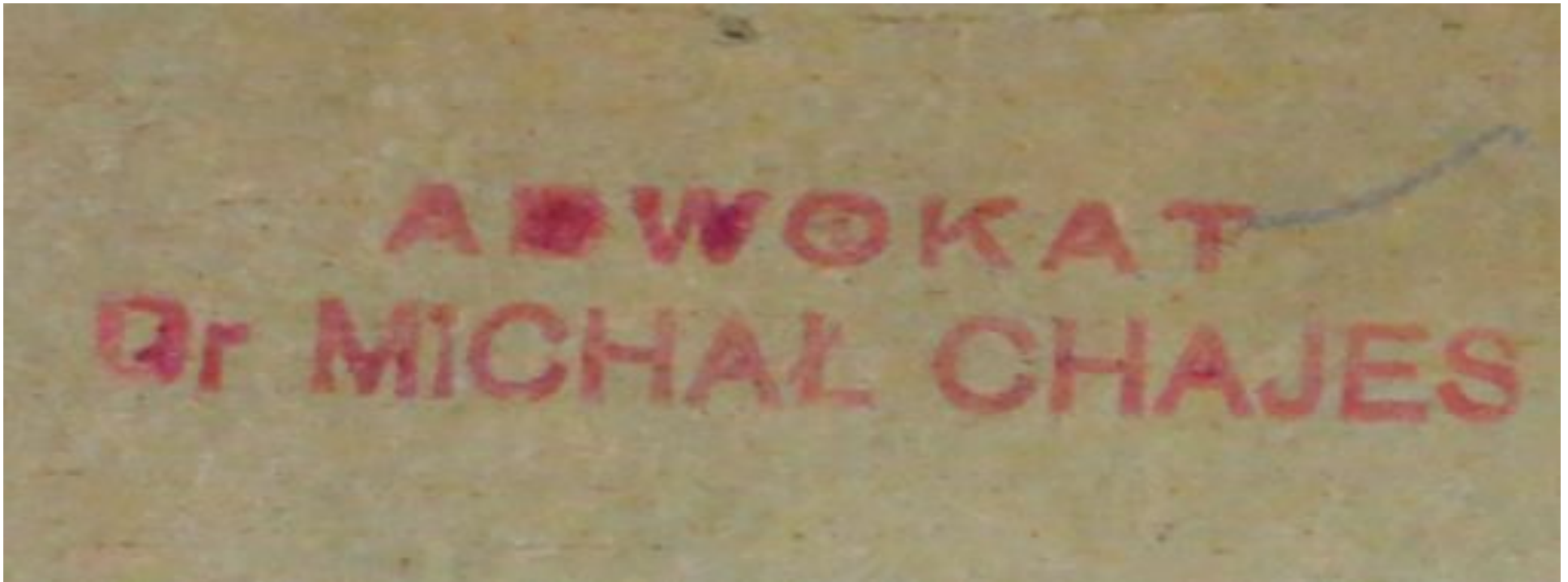


It was during a Conference on Jewish Art in Warsaw last summer that I met an art historian from L'viv who told me about a drawing made in 1935 by Drohobycz writer and artist Bruno Schulz that was once owned by a Jewish lawyer named *Dr. Michał CHAJES*.

The drawing was donated by *Dr. Michał CHAJES* to a rural museum in Israel on June 26, 1957.

It has never been shown in public.

The L'viv art historian asked if I could learn
anything about *Dr. Michał CHAJES*
nearly 60 years after the drawing's donation
and
80 years after its creation by Schulz



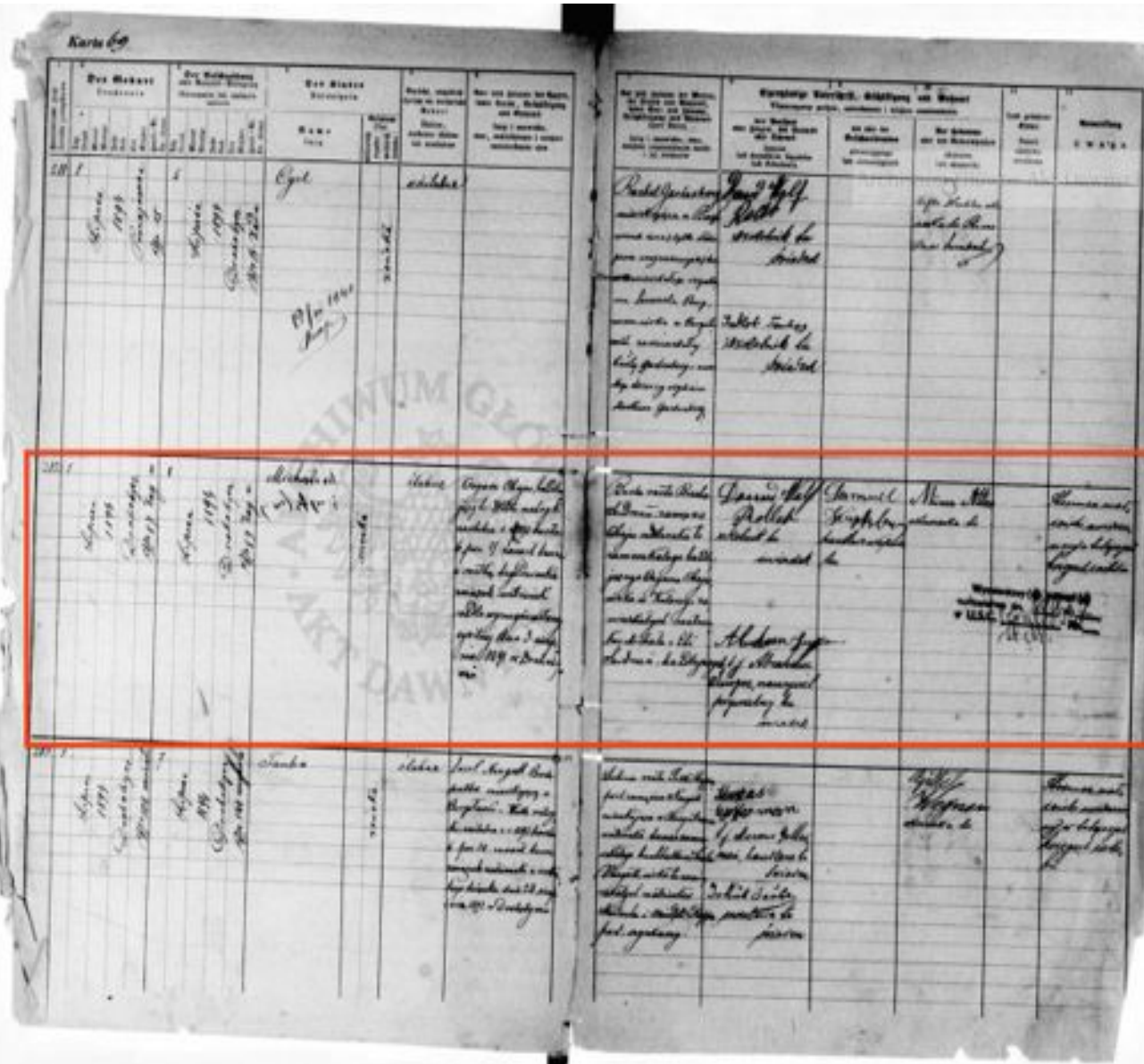
Imprinted on the back of the drawing

Why I Accepted the Research Project & then created this Lecture

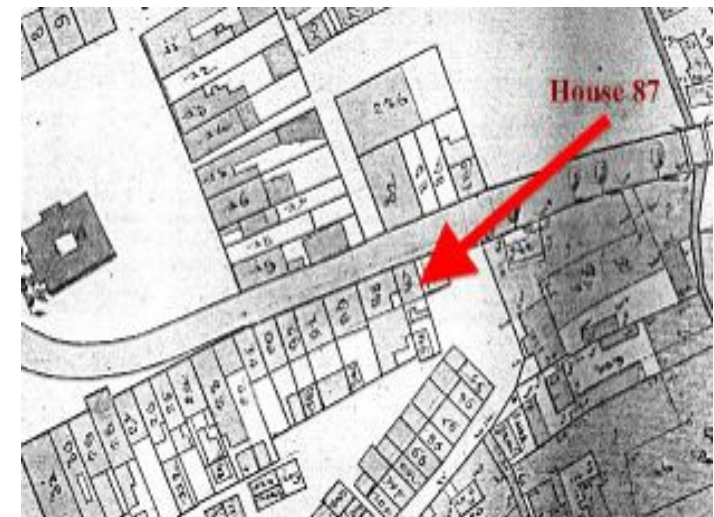
- *Interest in Galicia*
- *Fascination with Drohobycz (though no family link)*
- *Challenge: what, if anything, could be found?*
- *Process of Discovery of the fate of a single individual*
- *Broader Understanding of the collective Jewish tragedy*

Who was Michał Chajes?

First stop: finding the vital records



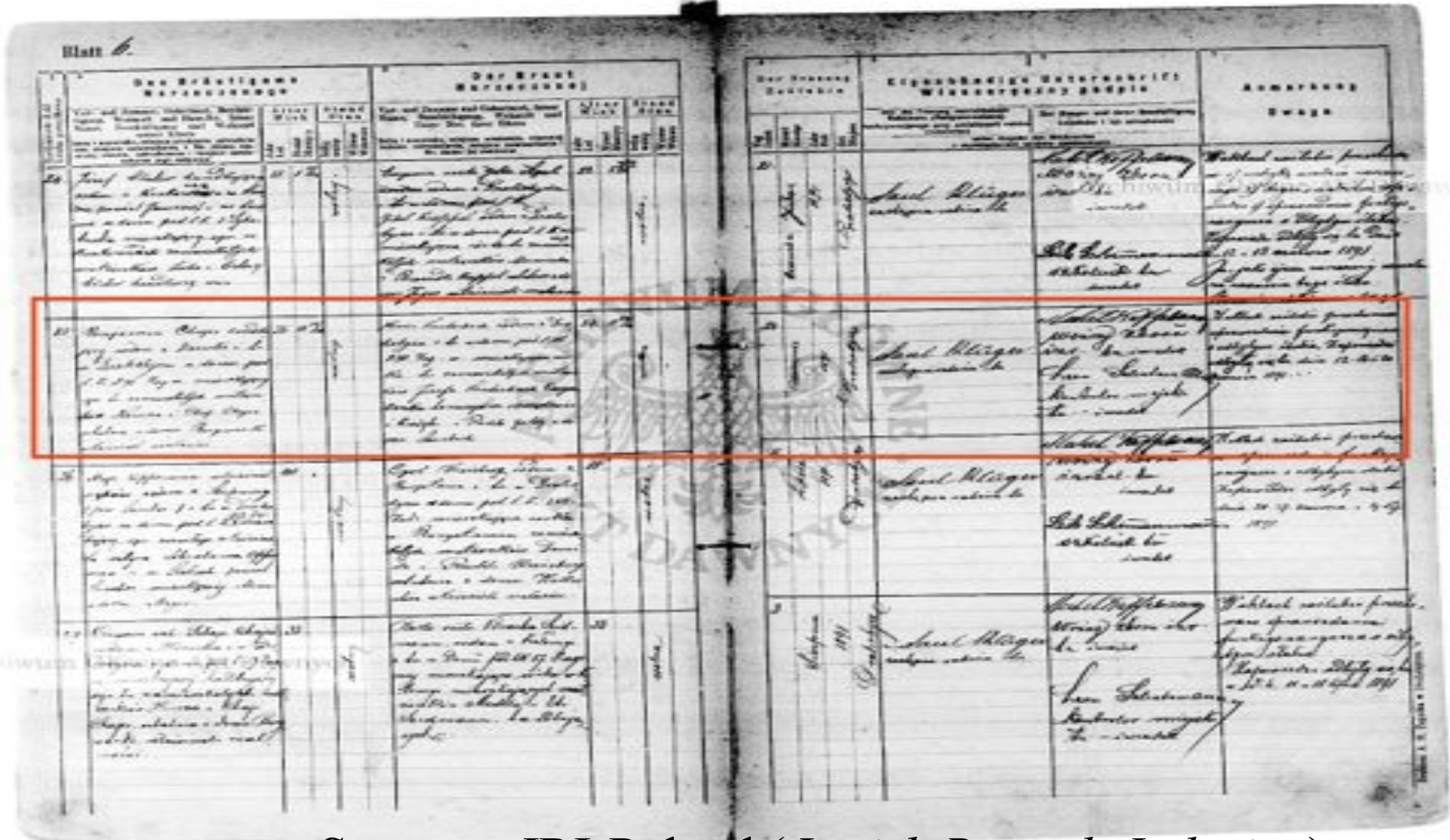
House 87 indicated on the
Drohobycz cadastral map
Source: Gesher Galicia



1894 Drohobycz
Birth Record
Source: JRI-Poland
(*Jewish Records Indexing*)

Michał's Parents

Ozyasz Chajes of Drohobycz (born 1858) and Berta Seidman
of Kołomyja (born 1858) have a civil marriage
in Drohobycz in 1891



Source: JRI-Poland (*Jewish Records Indexing*)

Map showing location of Galician Drohobycz relative to other major cities and towns of the Austro-Hungarian Empire



Source: 2012 article by Renaud Lavergne & Jérôme Segal for *GEO-Histoire* magazine

2 things make Drohobycz especially unique



**One, is
OIL !**

The first oil wells opened in 1894 the year Michał was born

At the beginning of this burgeoning industry, Jews held most of the positions of day and skilled laborers and management



By the beginning of the 20th century, nearby Borysław
was the undisputed capital of oil in Galicia

In 1860 the City's inhabitants numbered 500

By 1900 they amounted to 12,000, with Poles, Jews, and Ukrainians all vying for a piece of the lucrative oil pie



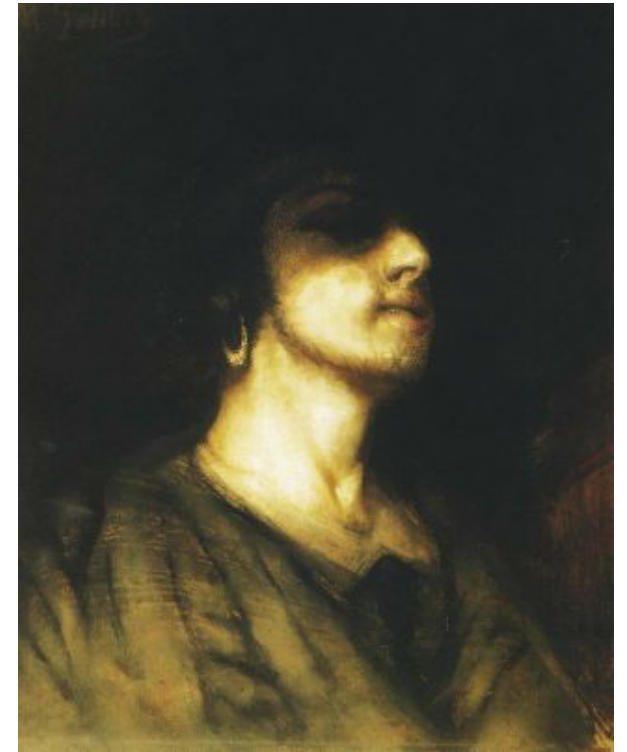
The second unique aspect of Drohobycz is the remarkably high number of gifted writers and artists it has produced



Ephraim Moses Lilien



Leopold Gottlieb



Maurycy Gottlieb



*Bruno Schulz is
among the most
famous*



The Chajes Family in Drohobycz

Michał's father Osias was a successful oil and timber merchant in Drohobycz

1230 Drohobycz

barska 6 — Herschman M., Szewska — Hoffman J., Zielona 12 — Janiszewski J., Rynek — Josefberg S. — Körner P., Rynek 29 — Lanz S., Mała 27 — Lecher L., Rynek — Leichtman M., Zupna 2 — Lieber M., Stolarska 1 — Liebesmann L., Kowalska 11 — Münzer A., Rynek 8 — Münzer S., Mała 3 — Richter L., Rynek — Richter M., Rynek 27 — Rothberg A., Rynek 26 — Roth M., Mały Rynek — xSandhaus i Hoffmann, Rynek 37 — Scheinfeld E., Mały Rynek — Schneier J., Zupna 17 — Schreiber M., Łazienna 3 — Schwalben-dorf Ch., Sobieskiego 14 — Secher L., Rynek — Secher O., Gołębia 7 i Garncarska 8 — Siegman Z., Rynek 36 — Steg F., Zupna 4 — Tie-germann J., Garbarska 4 — Til-leman P., Rynek 23 — Wegner D., Słowackiego 23 — Wegner E., Rynek — Weitzner I., Rynek 12.

Budowlane materiały (matériaux de construction): Hopfinger B., Grunwaldzka 67 — Kitajgrodzki R.

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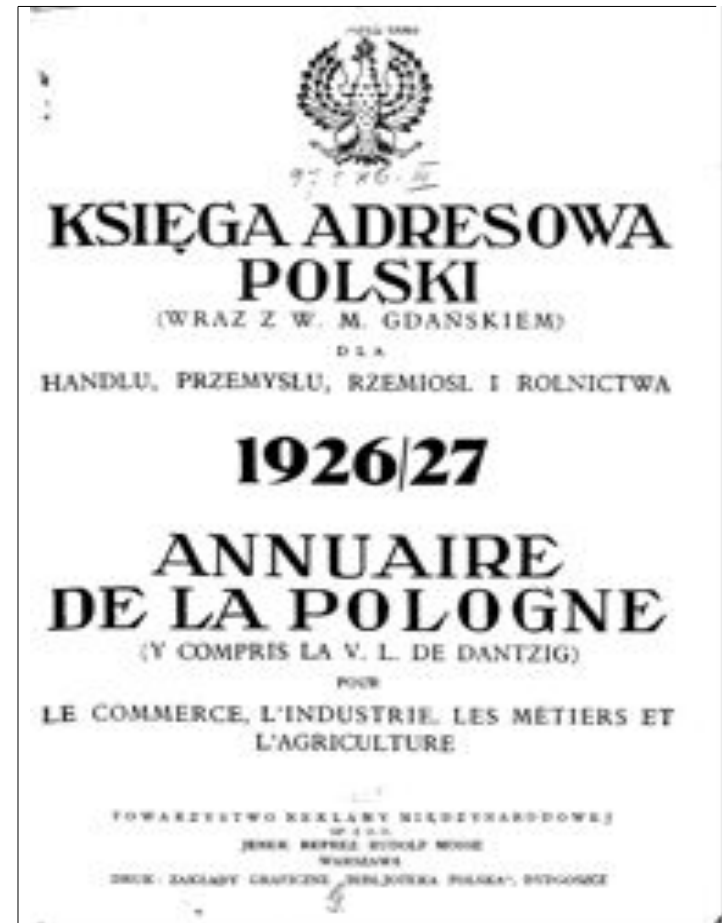
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Cegielnia (briqueteries): xCegielnia-na Spółka z o. o. — Kornhaber S. i Wernberg J. — Leibendörfer B. — „Pachnia” — xSussman B., Stryjska — Rubinstein, Zalesie — Tanenbaum L. — Zuckerberg I., Boryslawska.

Chemiczne produkty — fabryki (fabr. de prod. chimiques): xBalicki, Gilowski i S-ka, Sp. z o. o. — Lenar-towicz i Ryłscy B-cia, Mickiewi-cza 24 — x„Tovott”, Sp. z o. o.

Chemiczno-techniczne art. — fa-bryki (fabr. de prod. chimiques p. l'industrie): xKornhaber i Bien-stock — Loewenherz O. i Ska.

Ciośle (charpentiers): Kulyniak B., Wojtowska Góra — Treiftler E.,



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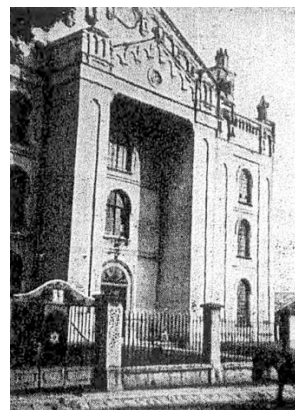
The timber industry, supplied by the nearby Carpathian forests, benefitted from the huge success of the Drohobycz oil industry



Large supplies of wood were needed to construct shafts, buildings, and derricks



Pre-War Jewish Drohobycz



Schulz was 2 years older than Michał, born in Drohobycz in 1892 to a middle class jewish family. His mother Henrietta ran a textile shop on the Drohobycz *rynek* (market square).

Abraham Aron Erben / Lauterbach
Feiwel / Lauterbach Jos. / Lieber Ma-
nia / Schulz Henriette / Weitzner Israel
Mehlman: Dichter Belle / Steuermann Isak
Messerschmied: Niznik Leon



Schulz studied architecture at the University of Lwów and fine arts in Vienna, specializing in lithography and drawing. From 1924 to 1939 he was an art teacher in a Drohobycz gymnasium. He began his literary career in the 1930s.



The famous "Kalleia" group regularly met at 32 Szewczenki in Drohobycz



“Emanuel Pilpel – law student, music lover, connoisseur of literature and art - brings together at his home artistic and literary types - young Jewish men and women of Drohobycz - of which *Bruno Schulz* is a member. Others include: Maria Buratzka, later an opera singer; *Michał Chajes*, a lawyer; Stanislaw Weingarten, an engineer in the oil company Galcyja; Otokar Jawrower, a conductor of chamber music and close friend to Schulz as well as a collector of his art and a patron of the arts.”



*Is this where Michał first meets Bruno Schulz?
Becomes interested in art, a passion he resumes
at the end of WW2?*

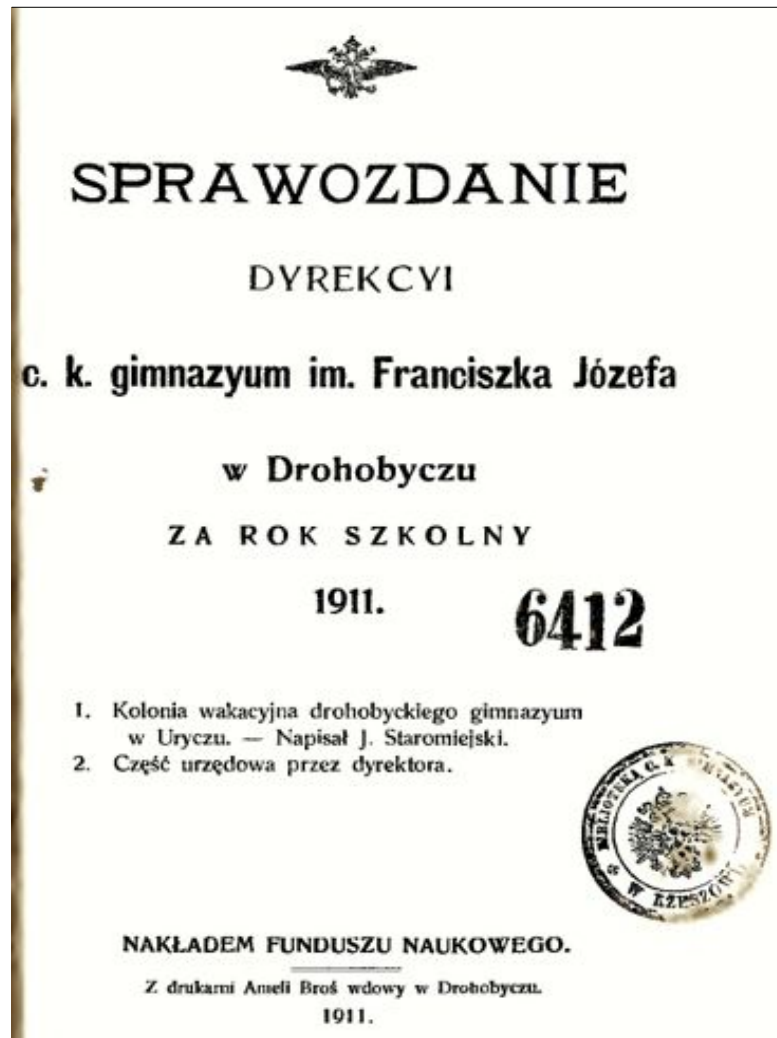


Michał Chajes, Student 1912 Drohobycz Gymnasium Report



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Emanuel Pilpel, Student 1911 Drohobycz Gymnasium Report



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Sawicki Konstanty	Wagschal Leon
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Uzdolnieni:	
Bakenroth Salomon	Nizankowski Miron
Bloch Dawid	Pelczyński Leon
Dziedziniewicz Maryan	Popławski Władysław
Fritz Jan	Rutter Mojżesz
Klinghofer Samuel	Stark Chaskel
Kobryn Jan	Szypajło Mikołaj
Kupfeberg Bruno	Tanne Abraham
Lisowski Stanisław	Tatarski Włodzimierz
Zwei Izrael	
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Licht Mendel	Weiss Maksymilian
Ukończyli:	
Ambros Michał	Lanner Mojżesz
Brasiliten Baruch	Lantner Dawid
Chmiotek Maryan	Lichtschein Meilech
Cybulski Józef	Lieberman Wilhelm
Dub Teofil	Peller Stefan
Dyk Fryderyk	Pilpel Emanuel
Fastmann Józef	Pomeranz Wolf
Goldhamer Henryk	Schreier Liepe
Goldhamer Stanisław	Rosenblatt Izidor
Hammerschmid Izidor	Schreier Ozyasz
Hopfinger Hersch	Stankiewicz Leon
Josefsberg Nachem	Szemełowski Michał
Jurkow Bazyli	Tatarski Teofil
Knebloch Bronisław	Tiegerman Ignacy
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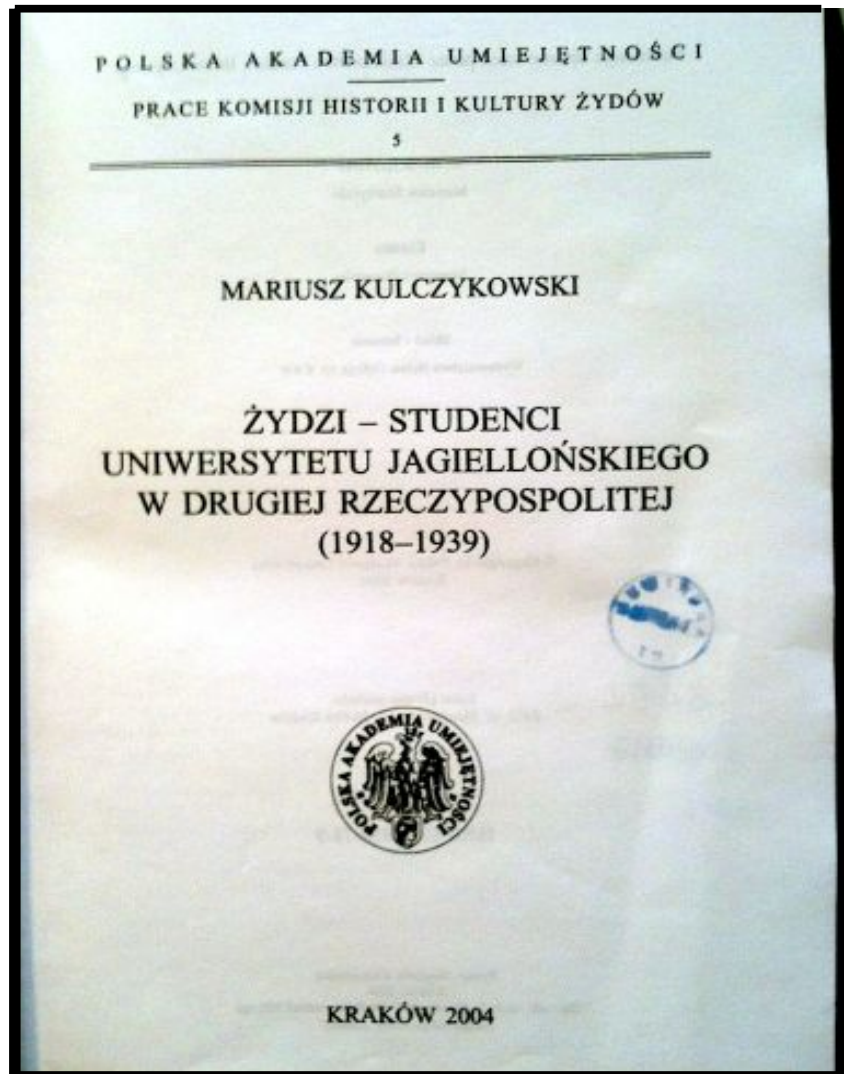
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Michał Chajes, Student

1912-17 Department of Philosophy

Jagiellonian University

Kraków



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*1914
Business
Directory
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Memoirs & Historical Accounts

CHRONICLE OF THE LAUTERBACH FAMILY

Descendants of Jacob Bezalel Lauterbach of Drohobycz

1800 - 1991

New Edition



THE LAUTERBACH FAMILY FUND

JERUSALEM 1961, 1968

EL PASO, TEXAS 1992

1. 124 born 1894

MICHAL CHAJES AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ten days before the outbreak of the war in 1939 I received orders to join the Polish army in Kielce. Under the pressure of the advancing

Hitler forces our detachment retreated to Hungary and there I was interned in various camps until September 1940 when I was deported to

MEMOIRS

the Jewish concentration camp (for civilians) in Gařany, North Hungary and then to a special camp for Jewish members of the Polish army. When in the autumn of 1944 Hungary was seized by the Germans the inmates of that camp were, as Polish Jews, transported to the Austrian frontier with the instruction to be handed over to the S.S. murderers for the purpose of "being liquidated", as mass-murder was euphemistically styled. By accident, and thanks to the humanity of our commander, we had the good luck of eluding our predestined fate and we managed to find ourselves in a prisoners-of-war camp where—in spite of the endeavours of our Polish comrades, to have us sent away as material for soap manufacture—we succeeded in surviving the war. In July 1945 I returned to Kraków, eagerly awaited by my daughter, only to be faced by the tragic fact of the cruel end of my beloved wife who had been murdered by the

Germans on the outskirts of Drohobycz, where she received a bullet of "mercy" at the hands of the Nazis, after crossing the ditches dug out as prospective mass-graves for Jews waiting to be executed.

Depressed by all these ordeals and heart-broken after the loss of my wife I made up my mind to give up the nervewracking profession of an advocate and exchanged it for the office of a legal adviser to some of the key industries of the Polish state. I also decided to devote myself to the hobby of art collecting a pursuit into which I had been initiated in my youth by the artistic inclinations of my family. I have been lucky enough to assemble quite a considerable collection and have been able to transform my humble dwelling into a modest but attractive private museum which excites the curiosity and evokes the admiration of connoisseurs and collectors.

Kraków 1959.

Recollections published by other families from the same town

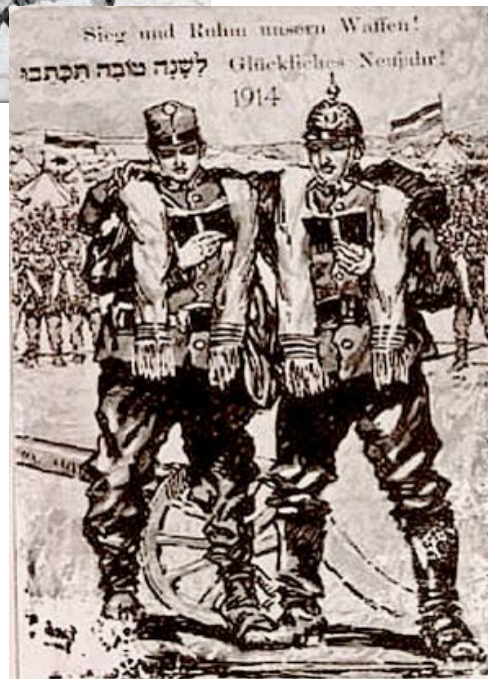
According to the Lauterbach Memoir

1914 - 1918



Michał serves in the Austrian Army, like many Galician Jews.

*His role is as
military
administrator*



Michał marries his first wife

Róza Liza Zuckerberg

Probably in Drohobycz

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

NAVIRE SS"EL MISR" DÉPART DU 20 Dec. 19

FICHE INDIVIDUELLE D'IDENTITÉ
(A remplir par tout passager)

classe

NOM (en majuscules): SILBERSTEIN nee Chajes

PRÉNOMS : Nuta

DATE ET LIEU DE NAISSANCE: 4/8. 1923 DROHOBYCZ

NATIONALITÉ : } D'ORIGINE POLONAISE
 } ACTUELLE apatride

NOM DU PÈRE : Michel

NOM DE LA MÈRE : Rosa Zuckerberg

PROFESSION : Paris

DOMICILE HABITUEL

DESTINATION AVEC ADRESSE COMPLETE : Mr. B. Forster
101 Beach Rd Bondi N.S.W.

PIÈCE D'IDENTITÉ (Passport n° 49 AE 19409 délivré à Paris
le 5/10 1950

ou CARTE D'IDENTITÉ DÉLIVRÉE à n°

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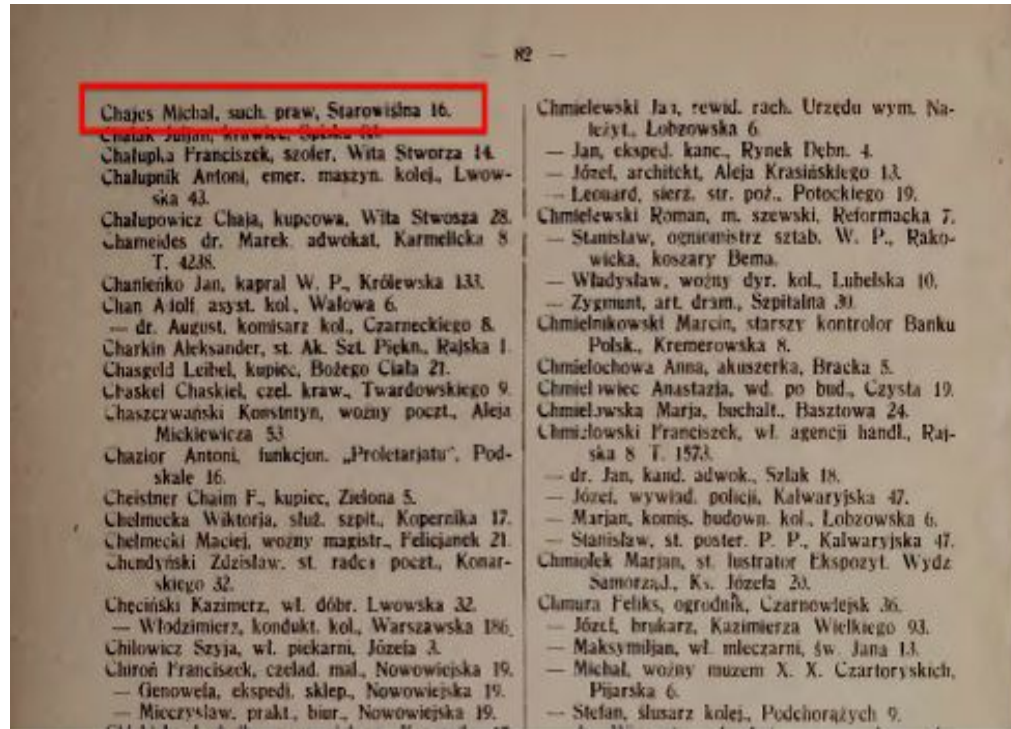
Signature, le 1e Dec. 1950

A daughter named **Bolesława** (nicknamed Nuta) is born to the couple in Drohobycz in 1923.

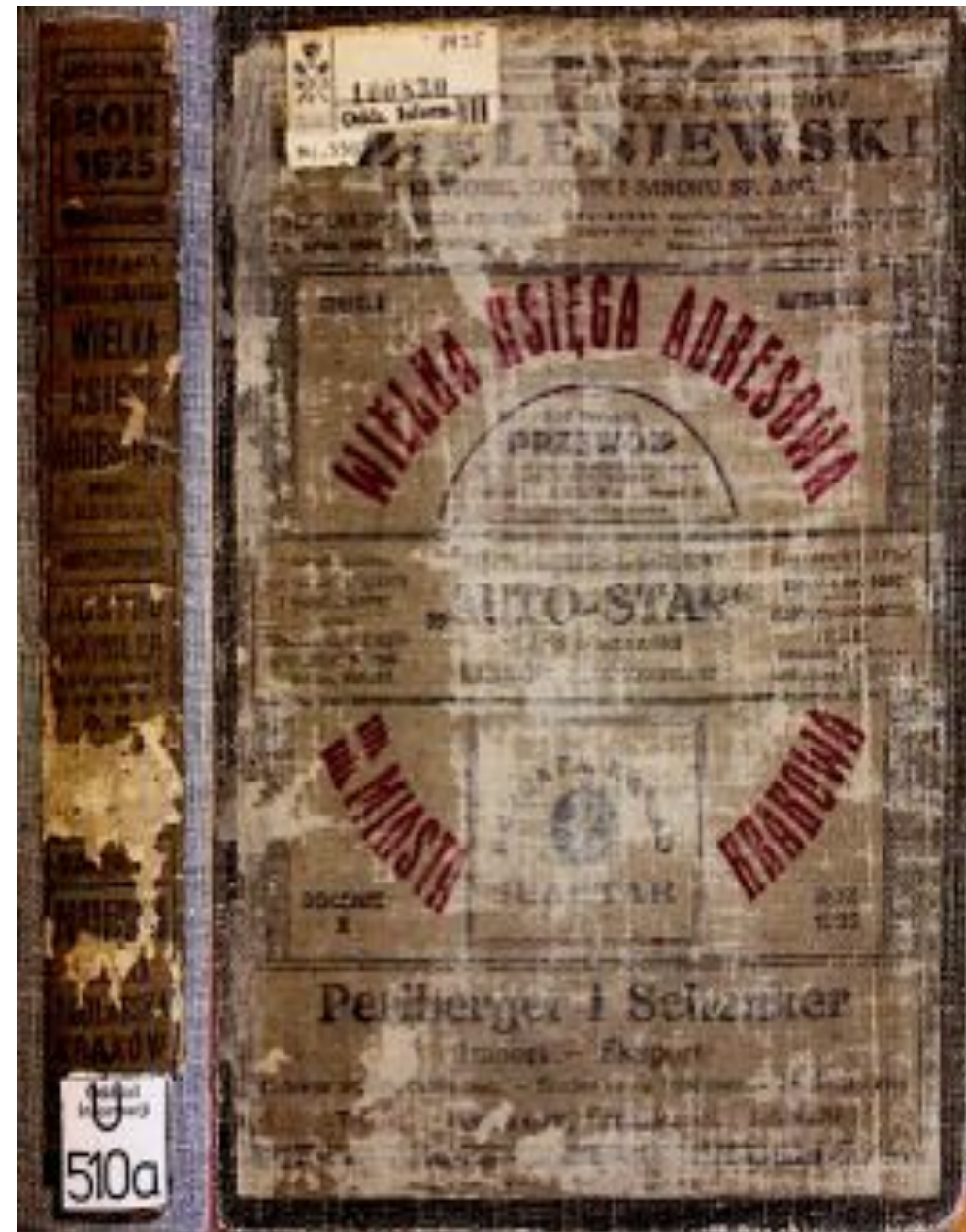
She will be his only offspring.
She will survive the War.

Róza will not.

By 1925, back in Kraków living at ul Starowiślna 16 “Attorney at Law”



1925 Business Directory for Kraków
courtesy of www.genealogyindexer.org



In 1929, Michał & his family return to Drohobycz where he opens a law practice.

His father passes away a year later.



In Kraków, Michał's older sister Regina with her husband Bernard and their daughter Romana move into ul Starowiślna 16, Michał's former residence.

Bernard dies later that same year.

We found 36 records for "Krakow Voters Lists". Click [here](#) for database details.

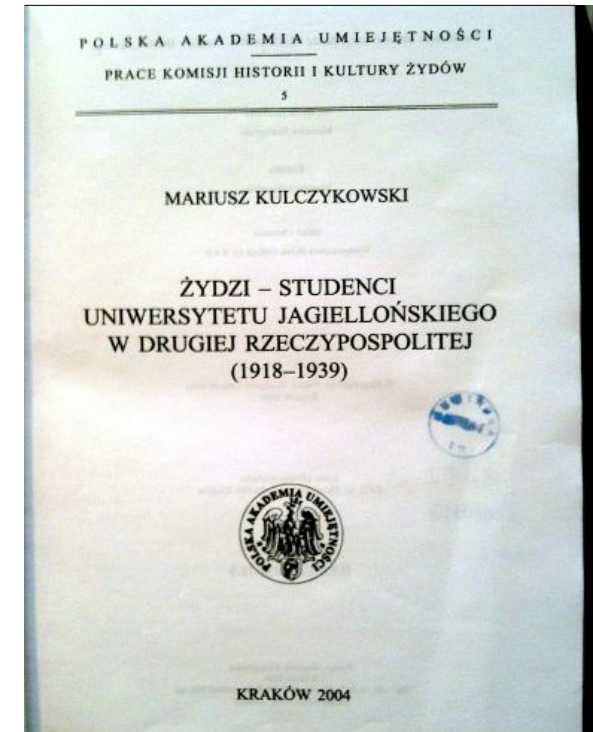
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1929	SUSSER	Salomon	51	kupiec	Melchisa	1
1929	SUSSER	Adolf	~	bow. galant.	Szpitalna	9
1929	SUSSER	Stanisław	33	kupiec brzo "Haber"	Centrudy	8
1929	SUSSER	Samuel	33	urz. bankowy	Kamcanska	2
1929	SUSSER	Nachman	63	h. win	Wolnica	3
1929	SUSSER	Bernard	56	h. win	Starowiślna	16
1929	SUSSER	Marcus	58	fabr. cukrow	Dietowska	51

1929 Kraków Voter's List from *Shoresim, Finding Your Jewish Roots in Poland*

Romana, now also a student in the Department of Philosophy at Jagiellonian University

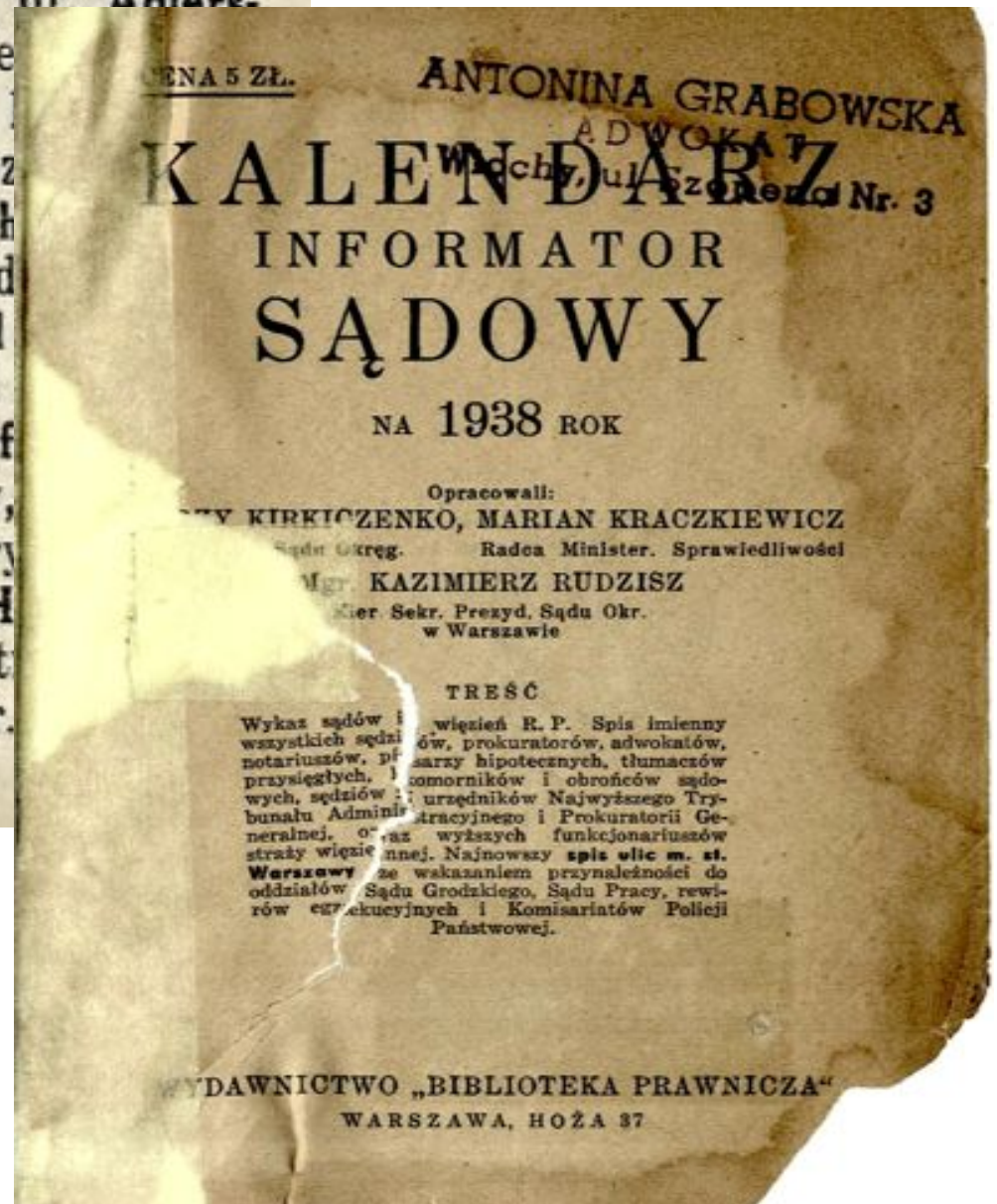


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SUROWICZ Nachman Natan - m. ur.: Warszawa, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 18/19	SYGAL Mendel - m. ur.: Sterkowce, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 31/32
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SÜSSER Erwin - m. ur.: Kraków, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 25/26	SYLBERMAN Sumser Jakub - m. ur.: Staszów, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 30/31
SÜSSER Ignacy - m. ur.: Kraków, wyd.: L, pocz. st.: 28/29	SYROP Fryderyk - m. ur.: Kraków, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 18/19
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SÜSSERÓWNA Romana - m. ur.: Kraków, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 20/21	SZAJNÓWNA Sara - m. ur.: Częstochowa, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 35/36
SÜSSERÓWNA Wanda - m. ur.: Kraków, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 19/20	SZAKIN Szolem - m. ur.: Łódź, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 21/22
SÜSSKIND Jakub - m. ur.: Kraków, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 30/31	SZANCER Artur Otto Roman - m. ur.: Tarnów, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 36/37; wyd.: SNF, pocz. st.: 37/38
SÜSSKINDÓWNA Anna - m. ur.: Kolbuszowa, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 33/34	SZANCER Henryk - m. ur.: Tarnów, wyd.: Fa, pocz. st.: 23/24; wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 26/27
SUSSMAN Isidor - m. ur.: Truskawiec, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 25/26	SZANCER Zygmunt Leopold - m. ur.: Wiedeń, wyd.: L, pocz. st.: 20/21
SUSSMANN Seweryn - m. ur.: Medenice, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 28/29	SZANCERÓWNA Irena Halina - m. ur.: Tarnów, wyd.: Fa, pocz. st.: 37/38
SUSSMANN Wilhelm Wolf - m. ur.: Żydaczów, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 25/26	SZANCERÓWNA Maria - m. ur.: Łwów, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 25/26
SÜSSWEINÓWNA Aniela - m. ur.: Przemyśl, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 19/20; wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 24/25	SZANCERÓWNA Zofia Lila - m. ur.: Tarnów, wyd.: L, pocz. st.: 31/32
SYGA Józef - m. ur.: Nowy Sącz, wyd.: F, pocz. st.: 18/19	



*Like her uncle
Michał*

DROHOBYCZ — dr. Aberbach Michał, dr. Adler-
 berg Paweł, dr. Alter Leon, dr. Arnold Le
 ckenroth Abraham, dr. Barchasz Siche, dr.
 wid, dr. Biberstein Ernest, mgr. Bloch Moz
 Rlażkiewicz Jan, mgr. Braziliten Eisig, dr. Ch
 dr. Chajes Michał, dr. Dennenbaum Dawid
 kelblau Henryk, mgr. Dyk Artur, dr. Fell
 Fichman Aron, dr. Friedman Izydor, dr.
 Józef, dr. Gartenberg Izrael, dr. Gerstenf
 dr. Gottlieb Leon, dr. Grünhaut Maurycy,
 Alfred, dr. Händel Leon, dr. Haendel Henry
 ter Samuel, dr. Herman Hersch L., dr. H
 Jonasz, mgr. Herzig Selig, dr. Hnatów Piot
 man Joel, mgr. Holeman Luser Nissen, dr.



Michał is still in Drohobycz in
 1938 - “Attorney at Law”

But, this is his final year with
 family and hometown

1938 Polish Judicial Calendar
 courtesy of www.genealogyindexer.org

Also in Drohobycz in 1938 is Bruno Schulz, a Professor at the local Gymnasium




22) Schulz Bruno, profesor, zawiadowca gabinetu rysunkowego, uczył zajęć praktycznych w klasie Ia₁ i Ib₁ rysunku w klasie I. luc. mat fiz. 2, oraz rysunku jako przedmiotu nadobowiązkowego w klasie Ia₂, Ib₂, IIa₂, IIb₂, IIIa₂, IVa₂ - tyg godz. 22



Sources: www.genealogyindexer.org &
Muzeum Literatury im. Adama Mickiewicza

Name:	Schulz	Pol. Pass Nr. 115/1938	319
Vorname:	Bruno	ausgestellt in Drohobycz	
Beruf:	Professor Gymnasie	von St. Petersburg	
Wohnort:	Drohobycz	am 20/8 38r.	
Strasse:		gilt bis 2.9/8 38s.	
Geburtsjahr u. Tag:	12/7 1892 r.		
Geburtsort:	Drohobycz		
Staatsangeh.	Polen		
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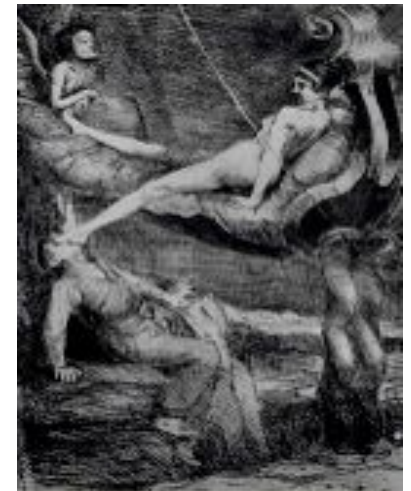


1938 visa application for Bruno Schulz from the German consulate

Through summer that year he has shows in Paris

Source:

L'viv State Historical Archive



1939



10 days before the outbreak of WW2, Michał is conscripted into the Polish Army



The Nazis invade Drohobycz, followed a few weeks later by the Red Army



Michał's widowed sister Regina flees Kraków with her daughter Romana; they head first to Warsaw, then to Lwów where they are deported to Siberia with hundreds of others

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born 1878

REGINA SÜSSER née CHAJES

AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

In our family of four I was the only girl and as such I became a contributing factor to the air of gaiety and liveliness in the house of our parents and enjoyed a very happy childhood and adolescence. Owing to my—if I may say so without presumption—good looks, I was a great social success and had a host of admirers and many suitors. In due course I found a congenial partner and got married to Bernhard Süesser, a man of rare qualities of mind and heart, a scion of one of the best Jewish families in Kraków. At his side I was granted much happiness and joy in our marriage. Our tranquil life was rudely disturbed by the outbreak of war in 1914. What we suffered and considered then a major catastrophe appears now as idyllic when compared with the horrors, the inhumanity and destruction wrought by the second war.

However, the greatest disaster befell me in

1929 when my beloved husband, my dearest friend, was taken from me. And then came the critical days of 1939 and for me and my daughter began a life of unrest and wandering. In anxious anticipation of Hitler's onslaught we left Kraków for Warsaw, and lived there during the terrible bombardment of the place, after which we escaped to Lwów, whence in 1940 we were deported to Russia. After an exile of 6 years we returned to Kraków where we found to our dismay that all we had ever possessed had disappeared under the barbaric Nazi occupation. We could not even re-enter our old apartment, as others had become masters of it. Now we live here, all alone, as our friends and most of our numerous family have either been exterminated or have left the country.

Kraków, 1959.

Source: *Lauterbach* memoir

They remain there until 1946

Michał's unit is captured by the Germans and he is imprisoned.

[illegible]

Source: *Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw*

In September 1940, he is deported to the German camp Luckenwalde, Stalag IIIA, where prisoners serve the German war industry and provide labor for households of civilians in the town of Luckenwalde.

Thereafter, he is transferred to an internment camp in Vámosmikola, Hungary for Jewish members of the Polish army

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CHAJES	Józef	-	-	-	-	Peszycze / 19.08.1948/	-	-
CHAJES	Saul	30/03/1887	Drohobycz	Szucha -	Herta Berta SCHAME	ul. Krupnicza 3 / 10.10.1950/	-	-
CHAJES	Henryk	18/04/1914	Lwów	Saul -	Esthera ABERDAM	ul. Józefów 8 / 11.10.1950/	adwokat	zmiana nazwiska - Gorczyński
CHAJES	Michał	01/07/1894	Drohobycz	Ozjasz -	Berta SEDMAN	ul. Gen. Rudy 23/4 / 10.10.1949/; Na Groblach 17/17 / 21.05.1947/	adwokat	w czasie wojny przebywał w obozie wstępowanych na Węgrzech
LUOMERER	Barbara	25/10/1887	Drohobycz	Józef -	Mina CHAJES	ul. Rasztowa 25 / 17.07.1950/	żona adwokata	zamężna - USS
NADEL	Józef Józef	26/11/1902	Kraków	Markus -	Hinda CHAJES	ul. Pradnicka 4 / 04.06.1945; 26.01.1946/	-	-
NADEL	Hinda Nessel	15/07/1876	Brody	Abraham CHAJES	Golda ASCHENAZY	ul. Pradnicka 4 / 26.01.1946/	-	-
SUSSER	Rozana	03/05/1902	Kraków	Bernard -	Rebeka CHAJES	Pl. Na Groblach 17 / 14.01.1949	-	Zaworło ślub w Krakowie w 1936 roku z Mieczysławem Freudenthalerem; rozwód w Krakowie 1 C 783/47 - 21.11.1947

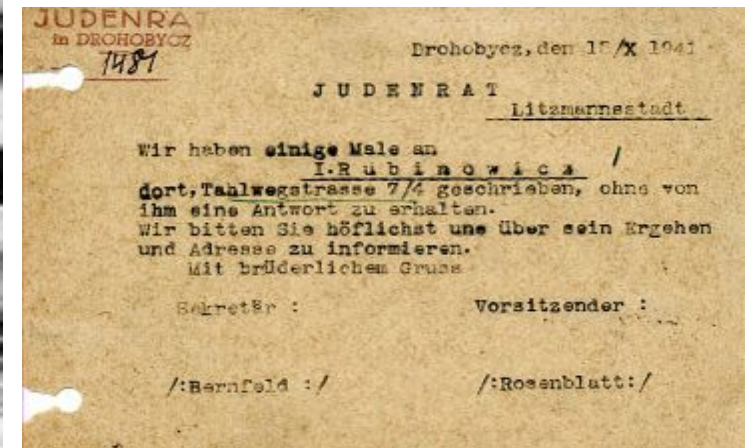
Sources: *Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw (ŻIH) and Shoreshim, Finding Your Jewish Roots in Poland*

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71.	"	Mgr. Kaufman Jerzy
72.	"	Mgr. Nagler Gustaw
73.	"	Inż. Schmerzler Bolesław
74.	"	Neustein Dawid
75.	"	Mgr. Rosenbaum Rubin
76.	urz.w.	Mayer Jakub
77.	st.sierz.	Kustenbaum Susman
78.	sierz.	Goldstein Hirsch
79.	"	Goldwasser Julian
80.	"	Kornhaber Maks
81.	"	Saumselig Chaim
82.	"	Schneebaum Bernard
83.	plut.	Feldman Konrad
84.	"	Firest Bernard
85.	"	Hauptman Paschje
86.	"	Krieger Henryk
87.	"	Macharowski Ignacy
88.	"	Rindler Leon
89.	"	Weissbein Ludwik
90.	"	Weitz Salomon

1941

Nazis re-take Drohobycz

*Catastrophic consequences
for the Chajes family,
Bruno Schulz,
and the
Jewish community*



Images from the Jewish Ghetto of Drohobycz



1942 Death of Bruno Schulz

Felix Landau of the Gestapo, self-described patron of the arts, has been “protecting” Bruno Schulz in Landau's home in Drohobycz.

When Landau executes a Jewish dentist “protected” by a Gestapo rival, the rival takes his revenge in tracking down Schulz, shooting him twice in the head. He tells Landau: *'You killed my Jew—I killed yours.'*

Schulz dies in the street still holding the loaf of bread he had just bought and a false aryan passport. He is 50 years old.



Schulz's body isn't removed for days. A friend buries him in an unmarked grave at the Jewish cemetery.

1943

Michał's wife Róza Liza is shot dead in the Bronica forest outside of Drohobycz on the road to Sambor

Approximately 11,000 Jews from Drohobycz and neighboring communities are forced to dig their own graves and then executed.



Drohobycz is declared "clear of Jews" (Judenrein) on July 15, 1943.

1945

The War is over.

Michał returns to Kraków.



He learns of the death of his wife Róza Liza.

He is 51 years old.



*He re-joins his only child,
daughter Bolesława (Nuta),
a camp survivor.*

She is 22 years old.

For Michał, life begins again. He remarries a woman from Ostrava named Felicya Bannet, a Shoah survivor.

His widowed sister Regina and her daughter Romana stagger back to Kraków from exile in Siberia - an exile that saved their lives.



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CHAJES	Józef	-	-	-	-	Peszyce / 19.08.1948/	-	-
CHAJES	Saul	30/03/1887	Drohobycz	Szeche -	Henia Reisel SCHARR	ul. Krupnicza 3 / 10.10.1950/	-	-
CHAJES	Henryk	18/04/1914	Lwów	Saul -	Rachela ABERDAM	ul. Józefów 8 / 11.10.1950/	adwokat	zmiana nazwiska - Gorczyński
CHAJES	Michał	01/07/1894	Drohobycz	Ujasz -	Berta SEDMAN	ul. Czerwoty 23/4 / 10.10.1949/; Na Groblach 17/17 / 21.05.1947/	adwokat	w czasie wojny przebywał w obozie internowanych na Węgrzech
LUOMERER	Barbara	25/10/1887	Drohobycz	Józef -	Mina CHAJES	ul. Basztowa 25 / 17.07.1950/	żona adwokata	zamieszkała - USS
NADEL	Józef Jakub	26/11/1902	Kraków	Markus -	Hinda CHAJES	ul. Pradnicka 4 / 04.06.1945. 26.01.1948/	-	-
NADEL	Hinda Neusel	15/07/1876	Brody	Abraham CHAJES	Golda ASCHENAZY	ul. Pradnicka 4 / 26.01.1946/	-	-
GUJESSER	Romana	03/05/1902	Kraków	Bernard -	Rebeka CHAJES	Pl. Na Groblach 17 / 24.01.1949	-	Zamężna w Krakowie w 1936 roku z Włodzisławem Freudenheimerem; rozwód w Krakowie i C 783/47 - 21.11.1947

They all live together at Plac Na Groblach 17, Kraków. The former residence at ul Starowiślna 16 is now owned and occupied by a Polish family.

Michał abandons his pre-War private law practice.
He acts for a time as legal advisor to “key industries”
of the new Polish State



Examples
he collected
of Kraków
artist Artur
Markowicz



Source:
Lauterbach Family
memoir, 1959
interview

More importantly, he focuses more and more of his time and
energy on collecting artwork, amassing “*a note-worthy and
much-admired collection.....turning (the) residence in
Kraków into a kind of private museum.*”

His focus is contemporary Jewish artists from Galicia

- Kraków, Lwów, Drohobycz -



Artur Markowicz



Leon Rosenblum



I. Kozłowski



Zygmunt Menkes

*Many of whom
had perished in
the Shoah*

1946

The American Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in Kraków makes inquiry into the “*living conditions*” of Holocaust survivors

The American Jewish
Joint Distribution Committee
270, Madison Avenue
New York 16, N.Y.

Attention : Mr. F. Kohn

Gentlemen,

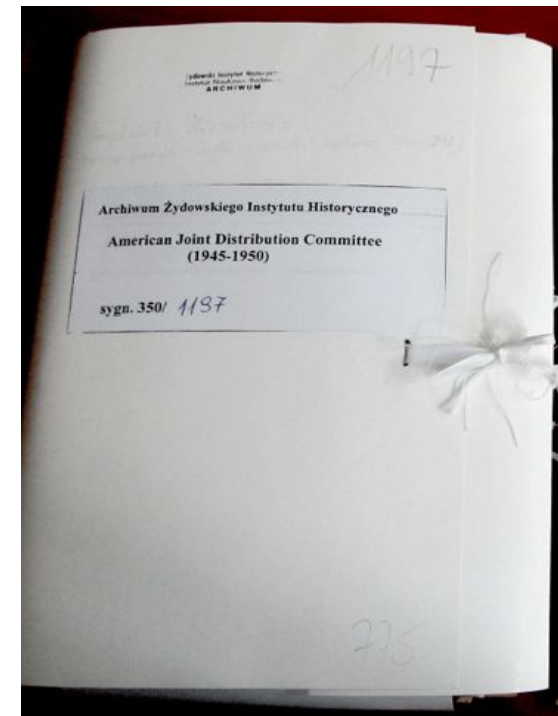
We have received from Krakow a letter the text of which we give you below:

Do not take amiss please my addressing you but having no relationship in America and being in need of assistance, I take the liberty to beg you for some gift food parcels I am 52 aged , an attorney by profession and have lost as a Jew my wife and whole fortune in Drohobycz (east Galicia) where I have lived before the war. After wonderful escaping Hitlerian cartiffs I am now very hard up because I have no means to continue my profession and suffer from diabetes on top of all that. So I need urgently assistance which I would profoundly appreciate

I thank you in advance

Yours truly

Dr. Michael Chajes
Krakow
Groblo 17/17 Poland



Source: *Jewish Historical Institute, Warsaw*

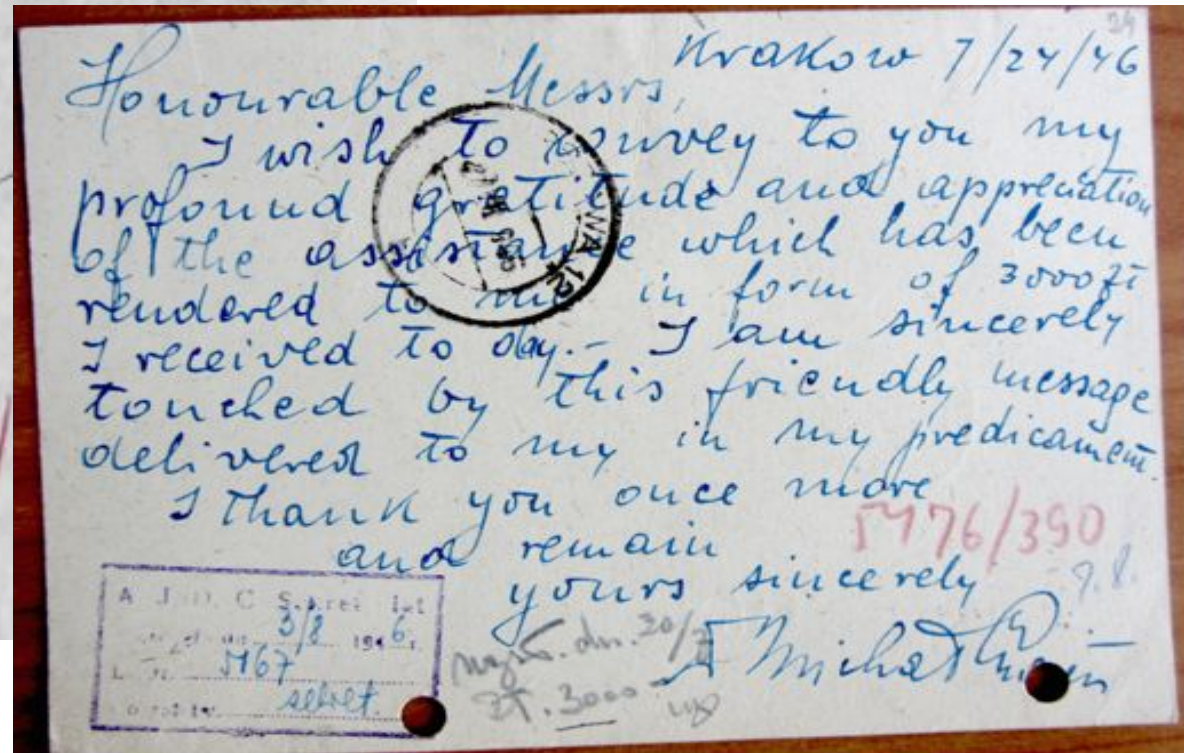
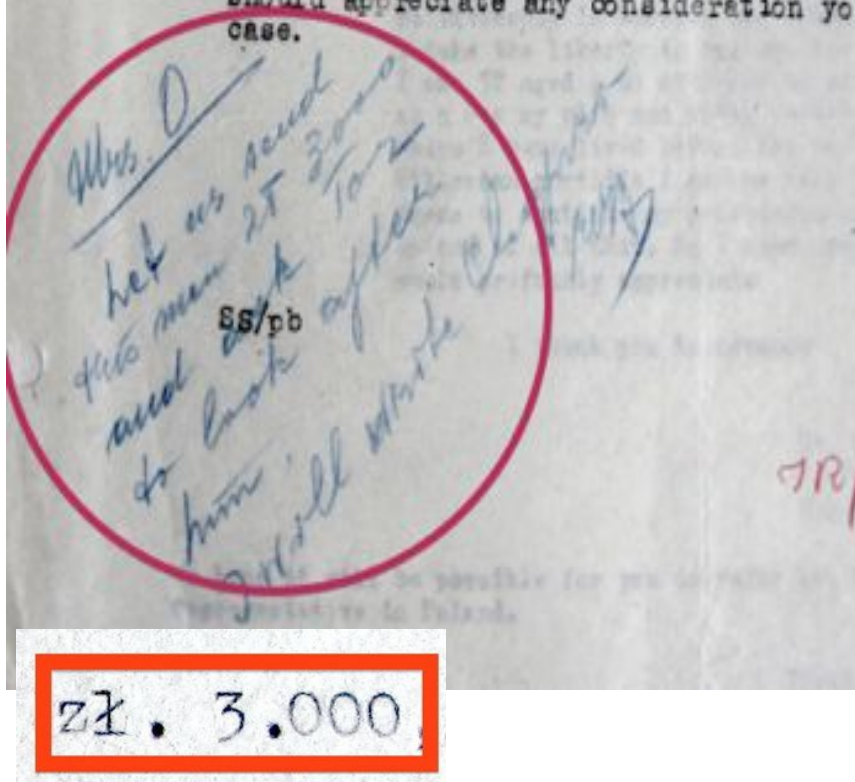
Dr. Michał CHAJES is among those they visit following receipt of a desperate letter from him for financial help

The JDC concludes that he is in *"bad financial condition"*
and his sole source of income is in giving
"informal legal advice"

Re: Dr. Michael Chajes, Krakow

Enclosed please find copy of a letter addressed
by Mr. Alexander M. Shapiro of the Transcontinental
Distributing Service to our office in New York. We
should appreciate any consideration you may give to this
case.

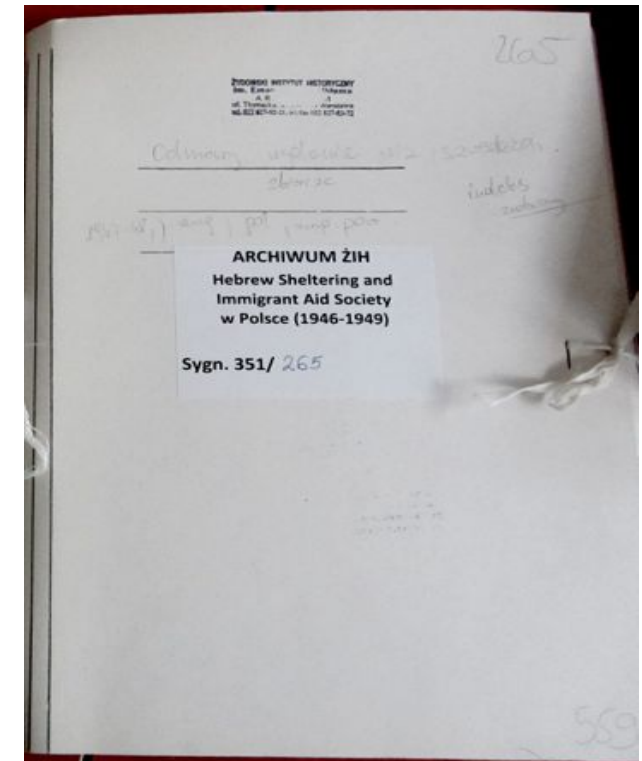
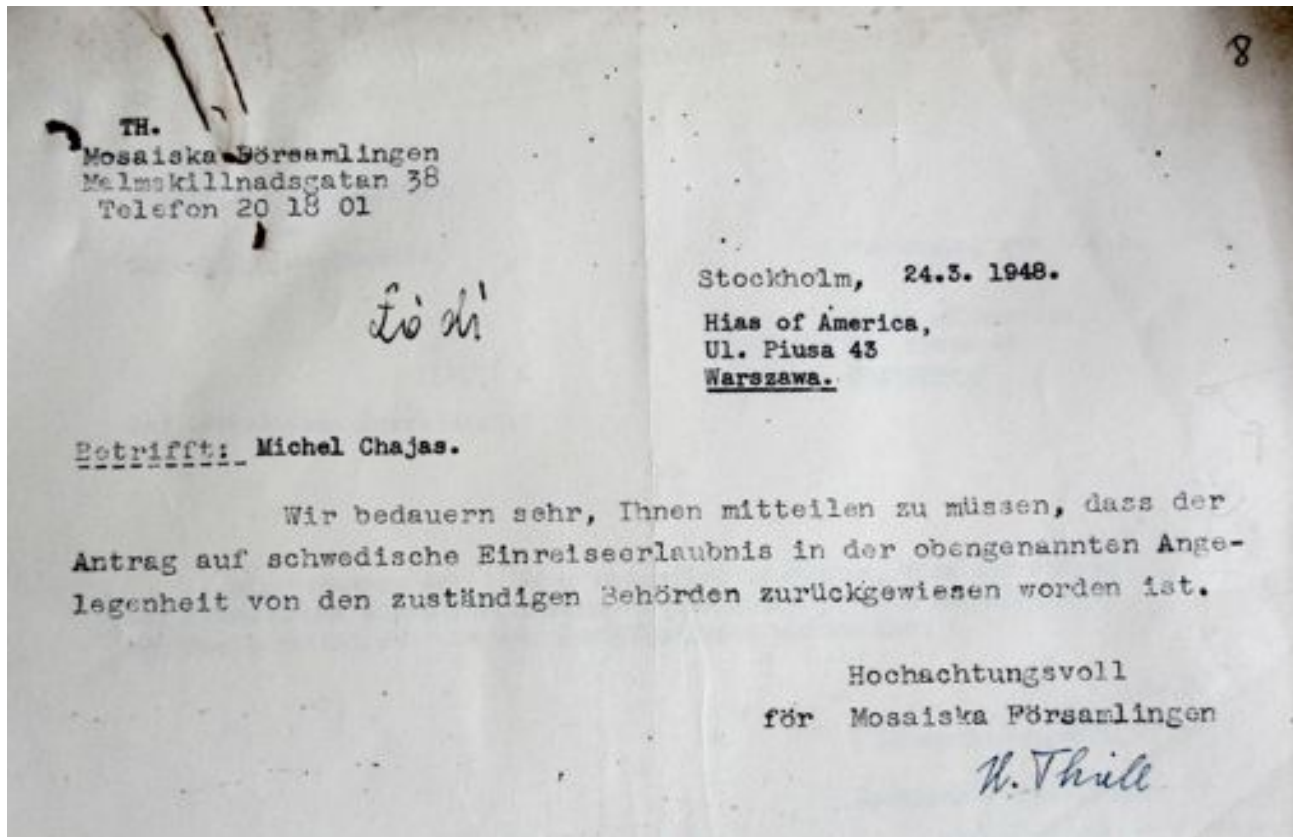
Source: *Jewish Historical
Institute, Warsaw*



The JDC sends 3,000 złoty to Michał

1948

Michał makes application to the
American Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) to
emigrate to Sweden under the
Skilled Workers Scheme



Source: Jewish Historical
Institute, Warsaw

His application is declined. He is 54 years old.

Michał also liquidates portions of his art collection,
selling pieces to other collectors as well as
Jewish relief organizations & institutions



1949

Michał and his second wife Felicya move to
ul. Gertrudy 23/4, Kraków



*In 1959,
Felicya passes
away following
complications
from a surgery*

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CHAJES	Józef	-	-	-	-	Peszycze / 19.08.1948/	-	-
CHAJES	Saul	30/03/1887	Drohobycz	Sueche -	Herta Reisel SCHAPIRE	ul. Krupnicza 3 /10.10.1950/	-	-
CHAJES	Henryk	18/04/1914	Lwów	Saul -	Rachela ABERDAM	ul. Józefów 8 /11.10.1950/	adwokat	zmiana nazwiska - Gorczyński
CHAJES	Michał	01/07/1894	Drohobycz	Odzisz -	Berta SEIDMAN	ul. Gertrudy 23/4 /10.10.1949/; Na Groblach 17/17 / 25.05.1947/	adwokat	w czasie wojny przebywał w obozie internowanych na Węgrzech
LIOMERER	Barbara	25/10/1887	Drohobycz	Józef -	Mina CHAJES	ul. Kasztowa 25 /17.07.1950/	została adwokata	zamężna - USS
NADEL	Józef Jakub	26/11/1902	Kraków	Markus -	Hinda CHAJES	ul. Pradnicka 4 /04.06.1945; 26.01.1946/	-	-
NADEL	Hinda Nessel	15/07/1876	Brody	Abraham CHAJES	Golda ASCHENAZY	ul. Pradnicka 4 /26.01.1946/	-	-
SLESSER	Rozana	03/05/1902	Kraków	Bernard -	Rebeka CHAJES	Pl. Na Groblach 17 / 14.01.1949	-	Zawarła ślub w Krakowie w 1936 roku z Mieczysławem Freudenheimerem; rozwód w Krakowie I C 783/47 - 21.11.1947

1967

Michał marries in Kraków his 3rd wife
Marie Ladislava Alexandra, born in Lwów



He is 73 years old. She is 47.

1969

Michał passes away in Kraków at the age of 75



Buried at the Jewish cemetery in Kraków on ul. 55 Miodowa

Two years later in 1971 Michał's sister Regina passes away



She is buried alongside her husband Bernard in Kraków in the Miodowa Jewish cemetery. The fate of her daughter Romana is not known.

We found 16 records for "Tombstones in Krakow's Miodowa St. Cemetery". Click [here](#) for database details.

Ref.	Last name	First name	Parents	Spouse	Death year	Grave #
5590	SUSSER	Josef	—	—	1942	4556
5583	SUSSER	Bernard	—	—	1942	4556
5584	SUSSER	Bernard	—	—	1929	21091
5585	SUSSER	Chana Reka	Tobi	Bruch Joshua	1916	7511b
5586	SUSSER	Hala	—	Ignacy	1942-45	—
5587	SUSSER	Ignacy	—	Itala	1942-45	—
5582	SUSSER	Anna	—	—	1888	715
5589	SUSSER	Janina	Zginell	Geor	1942	655b
5597	SUSSER	Samuel	—	—	1942	4556
5591	SUSSER	Judith	Leib	—	1895	798
5592	SUSSER	Julia	—	—	1929	6878
5593	SUSSER	Moshe	Samuel	—	1914	50
5594	SUSSER	Natan	Juda Leib	—	1902	4556
5595	SUSSER	Regina	nee Chajim	—	1971	21091

Source: *Shoreshim, Finding Your Jewish Roots in Poland*

The Fate of Michał's Brothers and their families



Arnold Chajes, Judge

2. 122 1883-1941
ARNOLD CHAJES
His brother Michał Chajes (2. 124) writes:

The chief characteristics of my elder brother were his supreme disinterestedness, straightforwardness and integrity. Accordingly, when faced with the question of a career he chose that of a judge in preference to the tempting and more profitable business of an advocate. And this in spite of the difficulties he knew he would have to face as a Jew in an antisemitic atmosphere. By his assiduity, perseverance and erudition he succeeded in conquering such obstacles and, step by step, reached the position of a judge on the bench of the District Court in Stryj. He acquitted himself with credit of his elevated office. His sense of justice and the earnest dedication to his duties earned him

universal respect and the unblemished name of a model citizen. Even the Russians, occupying Stryj in 1939, recognized his merits and confirmed him in the tenure of his office while other judicial functionaries were deported to Siberia. This situation changed, alas, when in 1941 Galicia was overrun by the Nazi hordes. Together with all prominent Jews in the place, he was caught, imprisoned and shot.

A similar lot awaited his next of kin. His only son, Edmund, who was the joy of his life, as well as his wife Amalia, did not escape the hands of the German executioners and were murdered in cold blood.

Kraków 1959



Shot and killed
 in Stryj in 1941
58 years old



176 Okrąg Apelacyjny — Lwów

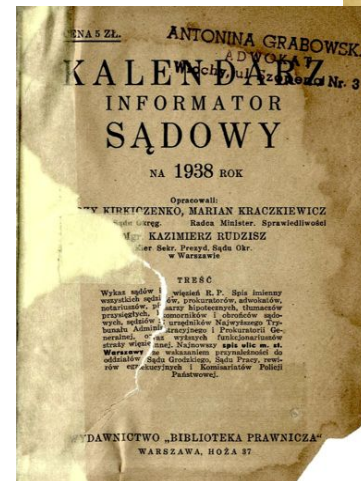
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 TLUMACZ — więzienie przy sądzie grodzkim.
 TYSMIENICA —
 UWAGA: przełożonymi "więzień" przy sąd. grodz. są kierownicy tych sądów.

8. SĄD OKRĘGOWY W STRYJU.

Prezes: Polakiewicz Bronisław, tel. 29.
 W Prezesi: Sielski Eugeniusz, Tchórznicki Stefan.
 Sędziowie Okr.: Bieler Józef, dr. Dawidowicz Zdzisław, Jarosiewicz Miron, Robakowski Adam, Rybicki Józef, Wasserman Wiktor, Wechowski Jan Jerzy, Wydra Józef.
 Sędzia Okr. śledczy: STRYJ — Kurbrycht Witold.
 Kierownik Sekret. Prezyd.: Jaguszewski Kazimierz.
 Prokurator: Mück Ferdynand, tel. 1-60.
 Wiceprokur.: dr. Muskat Arnold Karol, Więkowski Antoni.
 Podprokur.: Jasiński Tadeusz.
 Kierownik Sekret. Prok.: Erdenberger Emil.

Sądy Grodzkie:

BOLECHÓW — S. g. Marchut Michał, vacat 2.
 DOLINA — Kier. Argasiński Roman, s. g. Antoniewicz Julian, Hammermann Aleksander, Rogosz Jan Kazimierz.
 MEDENICE — Kier. Langelfeld Leon, s. g. dr. Fleischman Ludwik, Menciniński Julian.
 MIKOŁAJÓW — S. g. Jarema Paweł, Przybyło Marian.
 ROŻNIATÓW — Kier. Lubaczewski Kazimierz, s. g. Pawlik Stanisław, dr. Wacyk Jerzy.
 SKOLE — Kier. dr. Zakrzewski Stefan, s. g. dr. Bobanycz Dymitr, Kolankowski Eugeniusz, Kuczyński Mieczysław, Rzesutski Jan.
 STRYJ — Kier. Haseczny Julian, s. g. Behounek Henryk, Chajes Arnold, Gabrusiewicz Antoni, Hubecki



Arnold's wife and son

AMALIA
Age 57



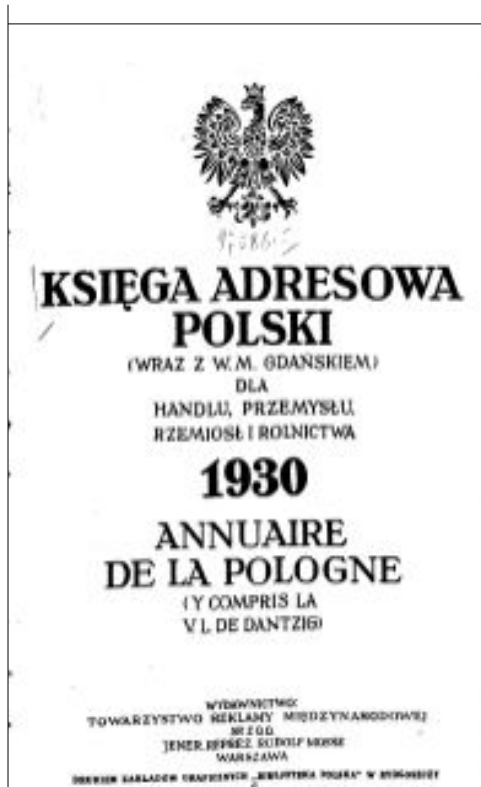
Edmund
Age 13

Both executed in Stryj in August 1942

Teofil Chajes

Lawyer in Drohobycz

1938 Poland Judicial Calendar,
listed alongside brother Michał

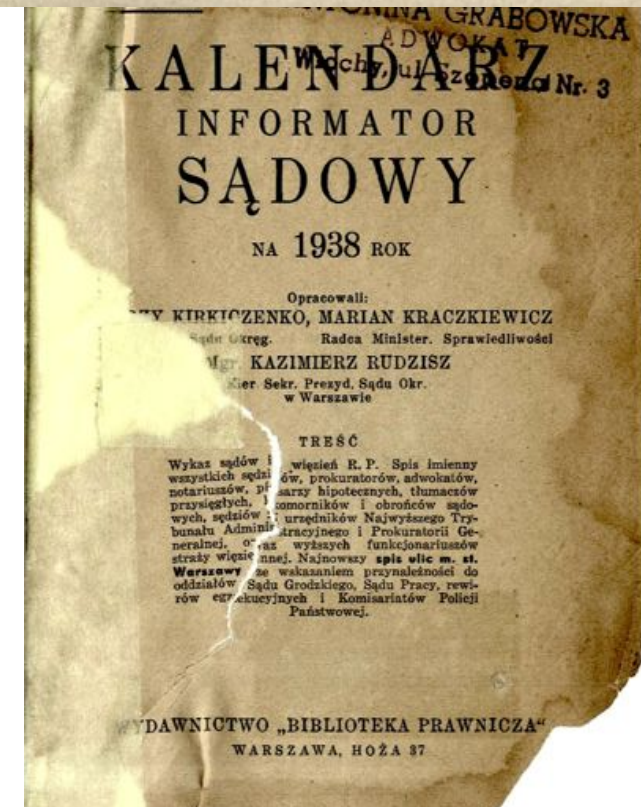


In 1930, his office was
at Rynek 33 in
Drohobycz

652 Drohobycz

— Skulski Emil dr., — Tiegertman Emil dr., Sobieskiego 64 —
Wiesenberg Art. dr., Sienkiewicza 15 — Wilder Jzyd. dr. (pluc), Mickiewicza 36.
Beer Leon dr., Rynek —
Chomet J. dr., Mickiewicza —
Chomet Z. dr., Mickiewicza 3 —
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Executed outside Drohobycz in 1943

58 years old



Bronica forest mass grave memorial

Teofil's wife
Anna SCHURMACHER
52 years old



1943
Deported
to Bełżec

Teofil's daughter Fryderyka CHAJES *19 years old*

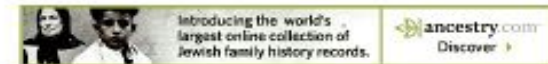
First, a laborer at the
Central Laboratory of a camp
near Drohobycz

Then deported in 1944
to the Stutthof
extermination camp in
East Prussia

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Forced labor Camps, Boryslav



Forced Laborers in Boryslaw and Drohobycz



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Teofil's daughter Berta CHAJES

In 1942 she marries Norbert Hendel of Drohobycz.
They are deported to the Soviet East and survive the War.

In 1946 they
emigrate to
Palestine with their
1 year old son, born
in a DP camp in
Germany.

His name is Teofil,
after Berta's father.



And so begins
a new life, a
new home,
where the
family
grows.....

Photo source:
*United States Museum
of the Holocaust*

What I Did Not Learn

*When and how Michał Chajes acquired
the Schulz drawing*

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Was it acquired directly from Schulz or a third party?

Purchased?

A gift?

Payment in exchange for legal services?

Before or after the War?

As Michał never traveled to Israel.....



How did the Schulz drawing get to the Museum? Did a friend visit Michał in Kraków and carry it there for him?

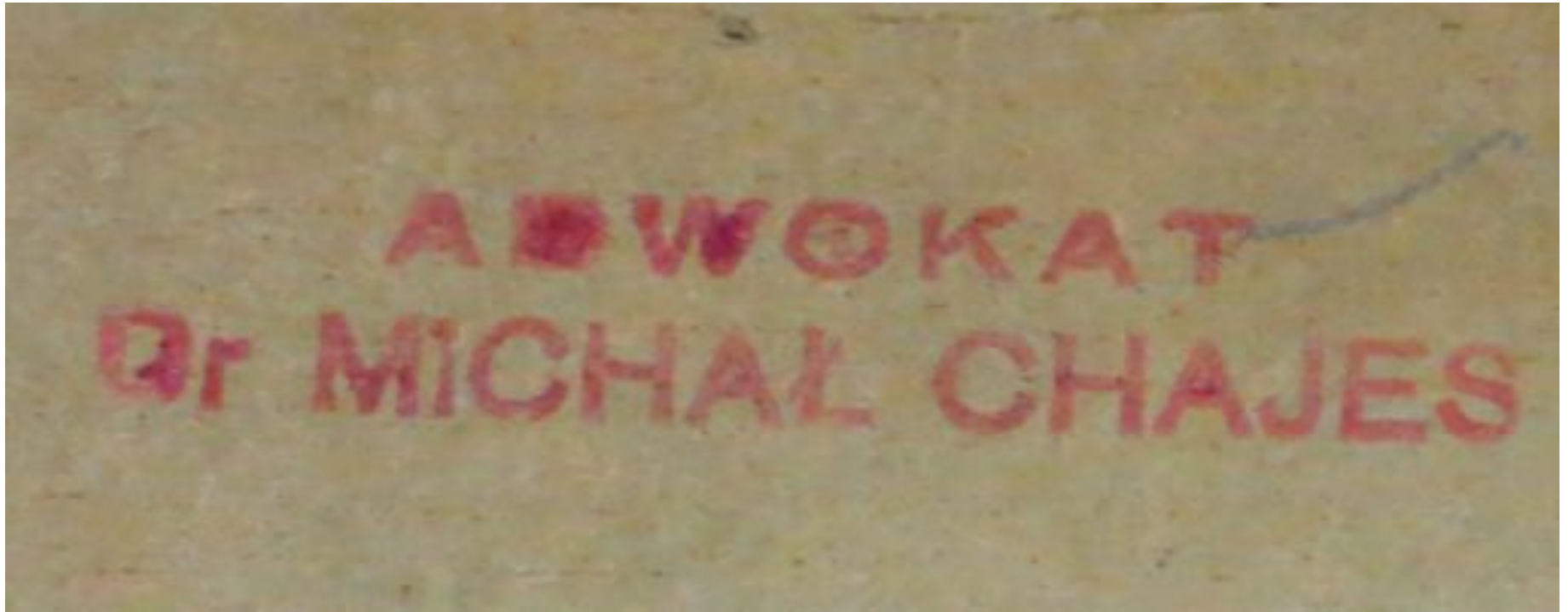
What prompted the decision to donate the drawing rather than sell or keep it?

And more:

How did the drawing survive the War? Where was it kept and with whom?

Questions without answers.....
Yet.

From a notation - a red stamp - on the backside of a work of art created in 1935 by Bruno Schulz, we recall over half a century later the name of a Jewish lawyer



who was also an art collector, son, brother, husband,
father, soldier, prisoner,
Drohobyzcer

So, what about that drawing ?





Cardboard,
pencil, black
watercolor,
(31.5 × 32 cm),
lower right
reads "*Bruno
Schulz in 1935*"

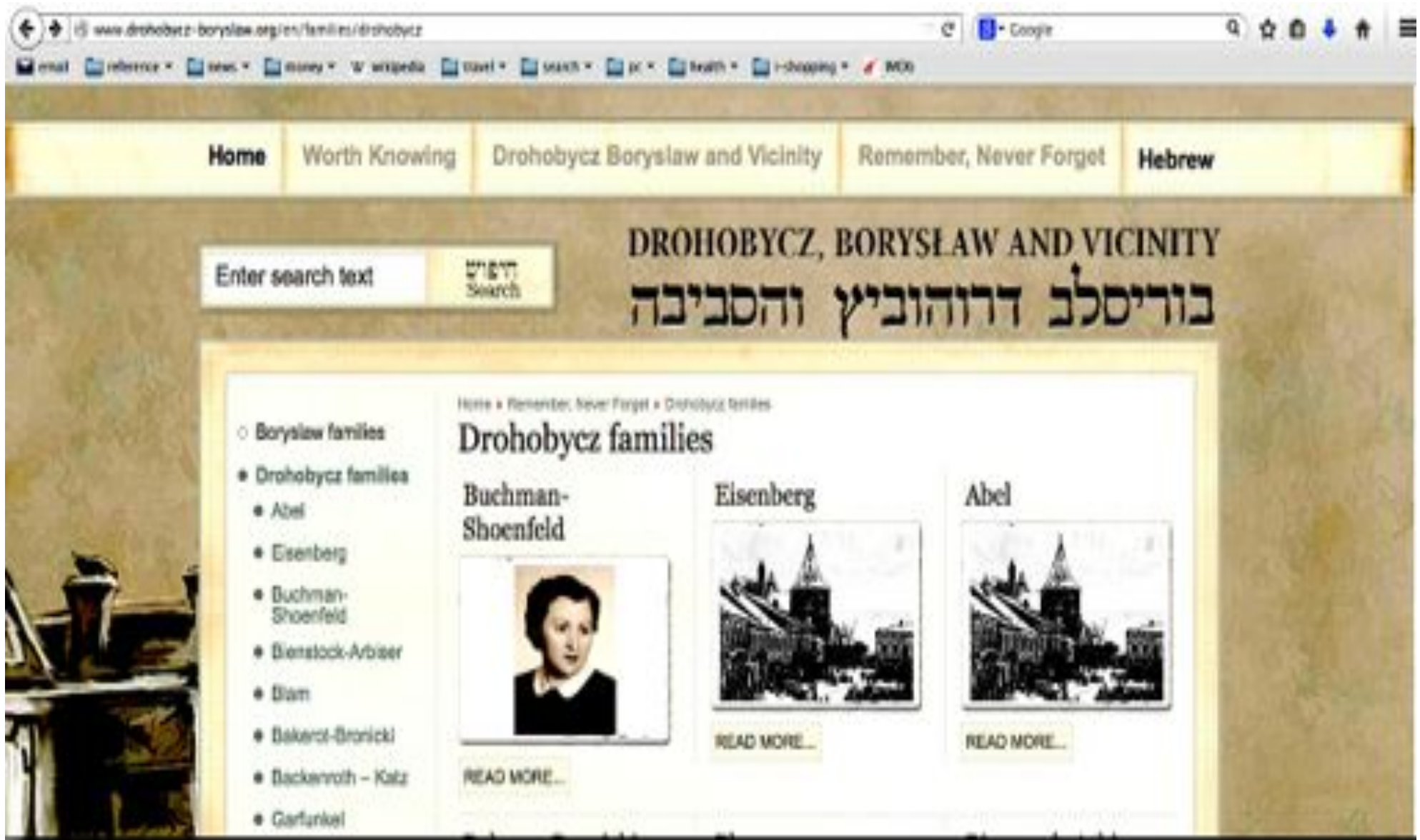
Damage:
four small
incisions in the
center

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- Uzi Hendel, grandson of Teofil Chajes (Israel)
- Marlene Krasovitsky, granddaughter of Michał Chajes (Australia)

And, especially.....

Daniela Mavor & the Drohobycz-Boryslaw Survivors & Descendants Group (Israel)



<http://www.drohobycz-boryslaw.org/en>