

Hirsz Brodacz

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From Poland to Italy as a student

Hirsz Brodacz, son of Lejzer, was born in Białystok (Russian Empire, later Poland) on 16 February 1913. He graduated from a co-educational secondary school in Białystok on 10 June 1931. His first registration at the Facoltà di Medicina e chirurgia in Pavia dates to the academic year 1932-33. He moved to Perugia, later matriculating as a third-year in 1935 in Siena (Student ID 1885). Regularly enrolled for all following years, he applied for admittance as a sixth-year on 15 November 1938. The Questura requested information of his effective enrollment at the L'Ateneo Senese as a «Jewish foreigner» on 17 November 1938. Hirsz defended his thesis on 18 October 1939, and like his wife – Cypa Aleksandrowicz – he graduated on 9 November 1939¹.

He and his wife were united by their education and the life they shared, even in their arduous journey through internment camps of Southern Italy: they were moved to Isola del Gran Sasso (TE) on 9 July 1940; to Atri (TE) on 8 October 1940; to Torricella Sicura (TE) on 21 July 1941; to Orsogna (CH) on 18 September 1942 until 8 September 1943².

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² See Anna Pizzuti (edited by), *Ebrei stranieri internati in Italia durante il periodo bellico, ad nomen* <<http://www.annapizzuti.it>> (accessed 8 April 2019).

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lists of internee transfers that occurred in various provinces.

- Names of Jewish internees in the provinces of Chieti and Pescara, taken from the Archivio Arcivescovile di Chieti, *Carteggio Dell'Arcivescovo Giuseppe Venturi (1931-47)*, from other archives of the provinces (Guardiagrele, Lanciano, Castelfrenato), and from publications. All materials supplied by Monsignor Giuseppe Liberatoscioli.

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