Zygfryd (Sigfrid) Littmann

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(Sigfrid) Littmann was born in Vienna in 1919, son of Salomon, a printer, and Gisela Hand. His parents, who were Polish Jews, lived in Jaroslav, a small town not far from Leopoli, the site of a major Jewish community₁.

The young man had received a classical education in Jaroslav and had then emigrated to Italy. In the academic year 1937-38 he was enrolled in the Department of Medicine at the University of Florence. He lived with David Diringer, lector in German and *libero docente* (qualified for teaching at the university) in antiquities and *Hebrew Inscriptions* who was expelled from Italy after passage of the Race Laws₂. Diringer was originally from Tlumacz, a small town in Galicia that had been ceded to Poland in 1921. The young Sigfrid took his last exam in June 1939 and thereafter abandoned his studies₃.

In 1946, Zygfryd Littmann was married in London to Doreen Hadgson₄. There is no further information regarding his emigration nor further biographical details.

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