

Leopoldo Meylik

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Biographical sketch of Leopoldo Meylik

Leopoldo Meylik, son of Benzion, a Polish Jew from Leopoli (at the time, a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire) was born on 19 July 1915. He had enrolled at the University of Siena in the Department of Medicine and Surgery on 10 February 1934 (registration #1755). On 18 January 1939, the Police Department inquired about his enrollment at the university due to his identity as a "stateless Jew." Having been legally enrolled during that period, through his sixth year (enrolled on 10 December 1938), he requested permission to take the graduation exam on 26 June 1939, actually taking it on 15 July 1939.

Previously, on August 22, 1938, he had written from Lwow to clarify whether he would be able to complete his education in Italy, having received news of the restrictions on foreign Jews enacted by the fascist government. The administration of the University of Siena replied on 27 August on the impossibility of accepting new enrollments and, starting in the 1938-39 academic year, of re-enrolling students like him who identified as foreign Jews. However, he was able to confirm that he could complete the current academic year and thus, take exams scheduled for the fall of 1938. Meylik's address in Siena was Via Roma 2.

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