

Dozia Schimelman

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A Polish Jew between Tel Aviv and Italy

Dozia Schimelman was born in Busk (Austro-Hungarian Empire, then Poland) on 2 March 1916 to Osjasz and Beila Halperu. She graduated on 10 July 1935 from Balfour College in Tel Aviv. After moving to Italy, she completed almost all of her university education in Pisa, where she is recorded as enrolled beginning in 1936-37. She moved to Siena on 2 June 1941 (matriculation number 2227) where she applied for enrollment in the 6th year on 25 May 1942. She graduated on 29 October 1942 with 110/110 in Medicine and surgery.

Her file in the archives of the University of Siena documents the help offered to Dozia by the Union of the Italian Israelite communities [later named Union of the Italian Jewish communities] to obtain a refund on the tuition paid in June 1941. The affair, not of a political nature, remains entirely within the administrative sphere, and documents the financial support given by the Delegation for the assistance to Jewish emigrants (Pisa section) to this student in financial straits.

From Perugia to Tel Aviv

She took the State surgery examination in Perugia in the February 1943 exam session (her exam certificate shows the wording «of Jewish race»).

The «Palestine Gazette» of 10 October 1946 lists the name of Dozia Schimmelman (not Schimelman) among those who had obtained their medical license in September 1946. At that date she was a resident of Tel Aviv¹.

¹ *Notices, I. Medical Licences*, «The Palestine Gazette», 10 October 1946, p. 945 <<https://www.nevo.co.il>> (accessed 8 April 2019).

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