

Cypa Aleksandrowicz Brodacz

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Student in Italy

Cypa Aleksandrowicz was born on December 2 1912 in Knyszyn, Poland (then part of the Russian Empire), to Szyia and Fajga Zade.

Cypa's student career in medicine and surgery, together with that of her husband Hirsza Brodacz, took place entirely in Italy. They arrived in the early 1930s to avoid the numerous restrictions which the Polish government had introduced against its Jewish citizens. Cypa is first documented as a student at the University of Pavia during the academic year 1932-33. She then, together with her husband, moved initially to Perugia before in 1934-35 registering for the third year in Siena (matriculation no. 1876). On November 15 1938 Cypa registered for her sixth year of studies. She requested permission to present her thesis on October 18 1939, and graduated along with her husband on November 9 1939¹.

Internment in Camps in the South and Death

Beginning in the summer of 1940, both Cypa and Hirsza were interned in concentration camps in Southern Italy: at Lanciano (Chieti) on July 16 1940; at Atri (Teramo) on October 4; at Torricella Sicura (Teramo) on July 21 1941; and finally at Orsogna (Chieti) on September 18 1942. It was there that Cypa died on January 8 1944, although the reason for her death is currently unknown².

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¹ See the documentation in ASUSi, *Medicina e chirurgia*, b. 99, f. «Aleksandrowicz Cypa».

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