

Jean Theofil Bercovitz

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University studies in Siena and expulsion

Jean Theofil Bercovitz was born in Iași, Rumania, on 27 July 1914 to Marcu Theofil and Rachel Mendel. He enrolled in *Medicina e chirurgia* in Siena on 30 December 1935 (registration no. 1918). He attended the sixth year in 1938-39. Shortly before embarking on this thesis he contracted otopyosis with septicaemica and was ill from April to June 1939. At this point he communicated to the ministry of Educazione nazionale that he was unable to complete the final exams for his degree within the academic year 1938-39 and requested, therefore, in November 1939, permission to complete his studies by the February 1940 session and the following one in June. In his plea to the ministry he stress the sacrifices his family had faced in supporting him in his six years of study. The request was twofold, as he also ask permission of the ministry of the Interior to remain in Italy beyond the limit set by the RDL 1728 of 17 November 1938. The ministry's response was negative and Jean Theofil was forced to leave the university.

In 1949 he wrote Siena requesting his university records¹.

Archival sources

- ASUSi, *Medicina e chirurgia*, b. 102, f. «Bercovici Giovanni».

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¹ Cf. the documentation in ASUSi, *Medicina e chirurgia*, b. 102, f. «Bercovici Giovanni».

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