

Chaim Ragozhik's Credit Book



This is a credit book of my brother Chaim Ragozhik, a student of the pharmaceutical department of Kaunas University, 1930s, Kaunas.

My brothers went to the Jewish elementary school. The elder one, Chaim, finished a Lithuanian lyceum – the Jewish one wasn't free, but the Lithuanian one was free of charge. Besides, my brother dreamt of becoming a pharmacist, and he had to have good Lithuanian for that. Upon graduation Chaim entered Kaunas University, the Pharmaceutical Department and moved to Kaunas. Having graduated from it in 1938 he went to Birzhai and was employed as a pharmacist at a private pharmacy.

In 1941 Chaim, my favorite brother, turned out to be in Kaunas ghetto. The action in the first days was aimed at killing the intelligentsia. Hitler taught that a nation couldn't exist without intelligentsia, so its representatives were murdered in the first place. 600 males were killed in the first action. My brother was among them. It happened in the forest, not far from Kaunas.