

Guest House

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When the first resettlers from the West arrived in the ghetto in October 1941, the head of the Council of Elders wanted to secure accommodation for some of them using the convalescent home in Marysin (a residential area on Okopowa St.), close to his own residence. In Chairman Rumkowski's opinion, it was his duty to make life in the ghetto more bearable for certain people who in their homelands were prominent figures in the Jewish community or outstanding scientists. All in all, 42 people were placed in the Guest House and catered for including two university professors, two doctors, a painter, a writer, and several widows of prominent figures. Both the catering and the accommodations far exceeded average standards of the ghetto. During the evacuation in May 1942, eight residents had to leave the Guest House. Shortly afterwards, it was closed by the head of the Council of Elders, and several months later opened as a convalescence home for Community officials. Guests who had to leave the Guest House were assigned apartments by the head of the Council of Elders and remained under his special care.

In July 1943, all convalescent homes in Marysin were closed down.

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