

## Helena Leszczyńska (1907-1983)



Housewife and shop assistant

1926: Marries, three children, lives in Borysław

1941-1944: Helps the Jewish Lippman family

1946: Moves to Poland; Legnica (Liegnitz), later to Wałbrzych (Waldenburg)

2004: Posthumously honoured as „Righteous Among the Nations“ (Yad Vashem)

The recognition of these Polish rescuers of the Lippman family by Yad Vashem states:

*»Helena had been a neighbor of the Lipmans before the war, and she and Etká, and their children were friends of longstanding. This friendship was not affected during the occupation period. When the Germans restricted the movement of Jews, Helena helped Etká to sell family belongings in order to purchase food. During the murder operation perpetrated against the Jews of the city in the fall of 1942, Etká, with her son Józef, found refuge in Helena's apartment.«*

Józef Lipman in an Interview with the Polish news agency PAP, 2004:

*»I remember everything from that period. Practically every day. Mrs Helena and her daughters sang while we stayed with them. I asked my mother, why? Is it because they are glad we are there? Only later did I learn that these were church songs. They were praying for our and their lives.«*

Sources: Lipman, Erinnerungen; Yad Vashem, rescue story Lipman; PAP 22.04.2004, in: Wrobel, Ludzie Borysławia. Opowieść o ludziach niezwykłego miasta. Warszawa 2005, op. 1, S. 196