

## Zygfryd (Sigfrid) Littmann

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Zygfryd (Sigfrid) Littmann was born in Vienna in 1919, son of Salomon, a printer, and Gisela Hand. His parents, who were Polish Jews, lived in Jaroslav, a small town not far from Leopoli, the site of a major Jewish community<sup>1</sup>.

The young man had received a classical education in Jaroslav and had then emigrated to Italy. In the academic year 1937-38 he was enrolled in the Department of Medicine at the University of Florence. He lived with David Diringer, lector in German and *libero docente* (qualified for teaching at the university) in Hebrew antiquities and inscriptions, who was expelled from Italy after passage of the race laws<sup>2</sup>. Diringer was originally from Tlumacz, a small town in Galicia that had been ceded to Poland in 1921. The young Zygfryd took his last exam in June 1939 and thereafter abandoned his studies<sup>3</sup>.

In 1946, he was married in London to Doreen Hadgson<sup>4</sup>. There is no further information regarding his emigration nor further biographical details.

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