

EMIL FISCHER

Olomoucká 247 (formerly Jungmannova)

Mr. Emil Fischer and his wife Flora lived and ran a general store on Olomoucká Street. His parents used to live and run a shop in the same house. Mr. Emil sold textiles and foodstuffs, and later he was also purchasing scrap metals and hides. He was a daily guest at the nearby restaurant *U Suchomelů*. His wife Mrs. Flora died in 1931.

Mr. Fischer was imprisoned by the Nazis in 1940, two years before most other members of the local Jewish community. On June 11, 1941, Emil Fischer, then only prisoner number 17 079, was murdered in Auschwitz. He was the first of 56 victims of the Holocaust from Loštice, and also the only victim to be buried in the local Jewish cemetery. The urn with ashes and *an official death certificate* was sent to Loštice from Auschwitz in 1941 and subsequently placed in the family grave. Later, when *the death factory* was in full swing, the Nazis did not bother with such formalities.

Emil Fischer (6.2.1881 Loštice – 11.6.1941 Auschwitz)

Arrested 1940

From the memories of witnesses:

“He was a widower, lived behind the bridge on Olomoucká Street and ran a general store. A lot of people from Loštice and its surroundings apprenticed in his shop. He also purchased hides. I liked going there. I got a crown for my rabbit hides and some sweets. After the arrival of the Germans, he was very worried about his future. He often said to my parents: "If I survive, I will pay your debt that you have on your house." His fears were fulfilled – he was the first of the Jews from Loštice to die.”

Anna Drlíková, Loštice



Emil Fischer's house and shop, on the left behind the bridge,
Loštice ca 1920



Shop keeper Israel Fischer was the father of Emil Fischer,
Jewish cemetery Loštice