

## Adamowicz, Irena

(1910–1963), Polish non-Jew who aided various ghetto underground movements during World War II.

Born in Warsaw, Adamowicz was a religious Catholic and one of the leaders of the Polish scout movement. She earned her social work degree at the University of Warsaw. During the 1930s she developed an attachment to the *Ha-Shomer ha-Tsa'ir* Jewish Zionist Youth Movement, and she even took part in its educational and social work activities.

During the summer of 1942 Adamowicz risked her life by carrying out perilous missions for the Jewish underground organizations in the Warsaw, Bialystok, Vilna, Kovno, and Siauliai ghettos. She both carried important messages between the different ghettos and boosted the morale of the Jews imprisoned in them. She also helped to establish contact between the Jewish underground organizations and the Home Army (the Polish underground militia).

After the war, Adamowicz stayed in close contact with the surviving members of the Zionist pioneer movements she had worked with and aided. She was designated as Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem.