

CHAJUTIN (HAJUTIN) Szymon Szmerka (circa 1872-1929), cooperative and sports activist. He was born in Moscow, the son of Joel Wulf and Dobra Elka née Wileńczyk, brother of Mojżesz (circa 1879 Moscow - 1957 Moscow), who (in 1906) married Natalia Flatau from Częstochowa.

Chajutin came to Częstochowa from Mińsk Litewski (Mińsk) after 1907. In June 1919, he was co-founder and, later, a board member of the Achdus Cooperative in Częstochowa. Although physically ill himself, he was a spokesman for the physical revival of Jews. As a well-known sports activist, he was a board member of the "Warta" Częstochowa Sports Club. In 1925, he was the Club's vice-president. From 1926 until January 1929, he served as president of the ŻTGS [Jewish Gymnastics and Sports Association] in Częstochowa. For a certain time, he was associated with the "Jordania" Sports Club.

According to the "Express Częstochowski" (1929, No. 20), Chajutin was "an enthusiastic, fanatic for the physical revival of Jews [...] With a great dedication of time, he did everything to keep the ŻTGS afloat. His energy worked wonders, bringing funds from beneath the ground, which were unloaded into a multitude of projects.". Amongst his other initiatives was the creation of a ŻTGS orchestra. In 1926, he completed a football referees course conducted by the Polish Football Association [PZPN].

Chajutin was also a social and cultural activist. As a lover of Jewish art, he participated in the activities of Jewish theatre in Częstochowa. In 1922, he was one of the founders and, later, a board member of the Częstochowa branch of the "Auxilium Academicum Judaicum" Committee to Aid Jewish Students. He was also involved in Zionist activities

He lived at ul. Dąbrowskiego 3a. Chajutin died on 22nd January 1929 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery.

His wife was Basia Berta née Uzlauder, with whom he had five children:

- daughter Bajla, and sons
- Abram (4th November 1895 Mińsk Litewski -), who completed five semesters at the Military Academy. He worked as a teacher in Częstochowa. From the end of 1914, he solicited donations for "Emergency Aid". From 1918, he was co-organiser of cultural events for poor students from Częstochowa;
- Władysław Wolf (5th May 1903 Częstochowa-) who, as a volunteer, took part in the 1919-1921 war with the Bolsheviks in the 4th Battalion of the 7th Field Artillery. In the 1930s, he was a 2nd Lieutenant in the reserve

artillery (with seniority from 1st January 1931). He worked in Częstochowa as a clerk. (He lived at ul. Ogrodowa 10);

- Miron (1907 Mińsk Litewski-), an industrialist in Częstochowa;
- Jerzy (1921 Częstochowa - 1943?), a graduate of the Traugutt Liceum (matriculated in 1938), an acting school student who, after the liquidation of the Częstochowa ghetto (in September and October 1942), belonged to the Forestry Unit of the Home Army (AK) in the Kielce region, which is where he perished.

Małolepszy, *Kultura fizyczna*, pp. 60, 74, 75; Mizgalski, *Tożsamość polityczna*, p. 164; Sętowski, *Z dziejów Żydowskiego Tow. Gimnastyczno-Sportowego*, pp. 260, 261, 262 (biographical note here); *Z dziejów Żydów w Częstochowie* (J. Mizgalski), p. 242; "Traugutt", p. 235 (regarding the sons). – "Częstochower Cajtung" 1929, No. 4, pp. 1, 5; "Express Częstochowski" 1929, No. 19, p. 3, No. 20, p. 2 (mention), No. 21, p. 3; "Goniec Częstochowski" 1914, No. 311, p. 2 (regarding son Abram), 1918, nr 193, p. 3 (regarding son Abram), 1920, No. 249, p. 3 (regarding son Władysław); "Nasz Przegląd" 1929, No. 26, p. 9 (obituary); "Nasz Świat" 1958, No. 1 (13), p. 18 (regarding son Jerzy). - *Rocznik oficerski rezerw 1934*, pp. 148, 619. - "Rocznik Muzeum w Częstochowie" 1989, issue No. 2, p. 135. - APCz, group No. 1, ref. 8831 (regarding son Abram); USC Częstochowa, death record No. 29/1929. - Materials (genealogy regarding the Chajutin family) in the ODDC collection.

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