CZAPNIK Szlama (1890–1942), labourer, political and trade union activist. He was born on 10th February 1890 in Częstochowa, the son of Icek, who came from Szydłowo, and Ruchla née Soldyn.

At the beginning of the 20th century, he worked in Częstochowa as a day labourer. During the 1905-07 revolution, he became involved in political activity. On 2nd July 1905, he was arrested by the Russian police in Częstochowa, accused of belonging to the Bund’s fighting organisation. He was released and then arrested again in 1908, this time accused of being a member of another workers’ organisation – the Zionist-Socialist Workers’ Party. He was taken into the Russian army and served there for six years.

From 1918, he worked as a butcher. At the end of 1919, he was co-founder and later board member of the Trade Union of Butcher Workers in Częstochowa. (The union was part of the Central Council of Workers’ Trade Unions in Częstochowa.) He died during the German occupation.

His wife was Fajgl née Rozensztajn (20th April 1904 Częstochowa-), the daughter of Chaim and Chana née Czapnik.

Sętowski, Czyn zbrojny, p. 81; Sobalski, Związki zawodowe, stowarzyszenia, p. 131. - AGAD Warszawa, Pomocnik General-Gubernatora Warszawskiego 449, k. 280–281; APCz, Unit No. 1, ref. 8825 (1890 census), No. 84; AP Łódź, Częstochowa and Noworadomsko Gendarme Management Board, District 58, pp. 1, 17. – Materials (extracts from record books and marriage registers) in the ODDC collection.

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