

Chaim Orbach

Chaim Orbach played a great role in Częstochowa's theatre. He took part in different shows alongside Szaja Borensztajn. The two of them were members of the same party, belonging to the right-wing *Poalei Zion*.

Chaim Orbach came from an impecunious family and, from his earliest youth, he belonged to the proletarian circles, being a shoe-stitching labourer.

Not only did he love the art of theatre, but he also taught others, displaying great capabilities as a director. There was a drama circle in the *Ascola* Sports Club and, there, Orbach directed various sketches, one-act plays and entire pieces, which were put on every Saturday night. Orbach particularly excelled in directing, together with the Częstochowa actor Josef Frank, the piece *The Tzvi Family* [by Dovid Pinski], in which he personally also starred.

During the period of the "Big Ghetto", Orbach took a leading part in the drama circle and choir which the *Arbeiterrat* [Workers Council] had established. At the time, he directed Sholem Aleichem's *The Jackpot* with great success.

The director and actor Chaim Orbach was annihilated by the Nazis during the period of the extermination of the Jews.