

## Josef [sic Jakób] Rozenberg<sup>1</sup>

As a representative of the Democratic bloc that had been formed in his time for the elections to the *Kehilla*, he was elected with a majority of votes as president of the Jewish *Kehilla*. Being the personification of loyalty towards the Jewish voters, he sacrificed himself for the Jewish public.

Over the course of his term, he experienced various difficult moments, since this was the period of Polish “*Owszem*<sup>2</sup>” politics, and the *Endecja*<sup>3</sup> people were running wild in town by picketing the Jewish shops, leading to the material ruin and impoverishment of the Jewish populace.

President Rozenberg stood guard on Jewish interests, always defending and supporting the less fortunate part of the Jewish populace.

During the period of the Nazi war, he travelled to Kraków, where he later died of natural causes.

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<sup>1</sup> [TN: Mr Rozenberg was the last president of the Częstochowa Kehilla before the outbreak of the Second World War.]

<sup>2</sup> [TN: Pol., lit. “Of course!”; ref. to declaration made by the Prime Minister of Poland, General Felicjan Sławoj Składkowski, to the effect that whilst violence to Jews was deplorable, boycotting and shunning them - *Owszem!* (Of course!).]

<sup>3</sup> [TN: National Democratic Party – known for its anti-Jewish policies.]