

DAWIDOWICZ Joachim Chaim (1882-1942), industrialist, owner of industrial plants, bank president, sports activist. He was born on 26th November 1882 in Częstochowa, the son of Jankiel, a merchant and fabric store owner in Częstochowa (at I Alei 7), and Rebeka Ryfka née Górski.

He graduated from high school (in Częstochowa?). In 1917, he worked as a railway freight forwarder in Częstochowa. At that time, he lived at ul. Teatralna 11 (Kościuszki 2). He was the owner of the "Saturn" Industrial Plant, established in 1895, (at ul. Srebrna 32/36). From 1925, he was also owner of a wholesale and retail warehouse for coal, coke and building materials (at ul. Garncarska 20, later at II Aleja 24, at the end of the 1930s at ul. Kopernika 2). He was co-owner of the "*Metalurgia*" Foundry and Enamel Factory (at ul. Krótka 31).

He belonged to the Jewish Association of Industrialists and Merchants. In 1929, he was selected as an advisor to the Chamber of Industry and Commerce of the Kielce Province in Sosnowiec. In 1928, he became a board member and member of the Council of the District Health Fund in Częstochowa. He was president of the Industrialists and Merchants Bank in Częstochowa. He was involved in sports as a board member and, in 1925-26, as President of the Jewish Gymnastics and Sports Association. He supported the Częstochowa branch of the Committee to Aid Jewish Students "*Auxilium Academicum Judaicum*". In early 1923, he donated a wagon towards the building of the Jewish Academic House in Warsaw. In the first half of the 1920s, he was Vice-President and Treasurer of the Section Supporting Poor School Youth.

During the German occupation, he was forced to live in the Częstochowa ghetto. He was transported during the mass deportations of Jews in September and October 1942. He perished in the Treblinka extermination camp.

He married Anna Chana née Jakubowicz (1st July 1878 Działoszyn-), active in the Society for the Spreading of Knowledge (TszW). They had a daughter Rajzla (20th February 1908-) who, in 1925, graduated from the J. Słowacki State Girls Gimnazjum, and a son Wiktor Wigdor Abdon Abram (13th May 1905 Częstochowa – 16th March 1971), an engineer, who gained a degree in France and, together with his father, ran the "Saturn" factory. He lived at ul. Kościuszki 11. During the German occupation, he hid in Raków, a suburb of Częstochowa (with the Fabrykowski family). After the War, he regained the "Saturn" lime kilns, which he managed until they were nationalised in 1948. He was well-known as a car enthusiast and was a member of the Częstochowa Automobile Club, where he headed the road commission.

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