

DZIAŁOWSKI Abram (1886-1936), a craftsman and crafts activist. He was born in Kłobuck, the son of Icek (-1927) and Matla.

He was a cobbler. According to → Dawid Koniecpoler, in his youth, he belonged to the Social Democratic Party. He was arrested and was even briefly deported deep into Russia. He was also active in the, then illegal, trade union movement. When the legal opportunities arose, he founded the Union of Jewish Craftsmen in Częstochowa and, for twenty years, served as its Vice-President. In July 1921, he was one of the founders (with M. Berman and Sz. Majerowicz) of the Master Upper-Makers Trade Union.

In 1929-30, he was a board member of the Crafts Cooperative Bank and of the Jewish Craftsmen's Cooperative. On 1930-34, he was a board member of the "Obuwie" Raw Materials-Manufacturing Craftsmen's Cooperative - in 1934, he was selected as liquidator of that cooperative. In 1927, he stood, unsuccessfully, for election to the Częstochowa City Council on the Jewish Craft Association list. Over three terms, he represented craftsmen on the board of the Jewish Community Council. According to his contemporaries, because of his intensive communal work, he had little time for paid work and lived in poverty.

In 1936, the Ministry of Trade and Industry honoured Działowski for his community work in the crafts movement. In 1936, the Craftsmen's Union published a special brochure (edited by the lawyer → Leon Asz), dedicated to his life and his activities. He died on 24th September 1936 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery.

His wife was Liba.

Surma-Jończyk, *Spółdzielczość Żydów*, pp. 259, 261, 271, 278; *Żydzi częstochowianie* (b.p.); Orenstein, *Churbn Czenstochow*, p. 368; *Sefer Czenstochow*, col. 704. – "Rzemieślnik Żydowski" (one issue only), p. III; "Częstochower Cajtung" 1936, No. 40 (30th Sept), pp. 1, 2, 5 and 6. - APCz, AmCz 5412, p. 228, Częstochowa County Office 57; Jewish record books, death No. 213/1936.

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