

EDELIST Dawid Icek (1866-1936), merchant, communal and Jewish self-government activist. He was born in Pińczów, the son of Samuel Szmul and Hendla née Sztern.

In his youth, his hometown hosted a *Beit Ha'Midrash*¹. In an arranged marriage, he wed the granddaughter of the Częstochowa *dayan*² Jakub Eliaz Rozen. However, he was wary of moving to Częstochowa, which was considered a city of *maskilim*³ and progressives. It was only the encouragement of the *tzaddik* Juda Arie Lejb Alter, from Góra Kalwaria, which broke his resistance.

In 1885, he moved to Częstochowa and married there. The family supported itself through a haberdashery store at Stary Rynek 4, run by his wife. Edelist devoted himself to religion and communal work. He was also active in the *Agudas Yisroel* orthodox party. For a long period, he was a member of the Synagogue Supervision. At the beginning of the 20th century, he was one of the initiators and activists in the building of the *New Mikveh*, which was a bathhouse for the Jews - both traditional and ritual (on the ground floor), and modern (on the first floor).

In 1907, he was one of the initiators for the creation of the "*Machzikei Hadas*" *Talmud Torah* society, which ran a religious school for poor children. Edelist served as the society's vice-chairman. When it came to the building's construction, he was one of the construction's supervisors. When the school opened, he ran it. He belonged to the *Tow. Dobroczynności dla Żydów*. In addition, he was a member of the Jewish Cooperative Bank and founder of the *Agudas Yisroel Merchant Bank* in Częstochowa, where he was responsible for its administration. In 1927, he was chairman of the District Electoral Commission for the elections to the City Council.

He lived at ul. Katedralna 11. He died on 30th April 1936 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery (grave No. 631 I).

His wife, from 1885, was Rywka née Rozen (1860 Częstochowa-), the daughter of Nachman Aron and Klara née Binensztok. Their son was → Noe Edelist.

Sefer Czenstochow I, cols. 698–699; Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, pp. 57, 305. - Sobalski, *Związki zawodowe, stowarzyszenia*, p. 136. – "Goniec Częstochowski" 1917, No. 186,

¹ [TN: a hall devoted to Torah study, literal translation a "house of learning"]

² [TN: "dayan" - a rabbinical court judge]

³ [TN: "Maskilim" – proponents of Haskalah (enlightenment)]

p. 4; "Częstochower Cajtung" 1936, No. 19, pp. 1 and 6. - *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, p. 247;
Sprawozdanie Towarzystwa Dobroczynności dla Żydów 1913, p. 5. - APCz, AmCz 5412, p. 226.

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