

FEDERMAN Dawid Paweł (circa 1861–1905) salesman, producer, Chassid.

He came to Częstochowa, from Koniecpol, in 1882. He was both a traditionalist and a supporter of progress. (This was manifested in his appearance. He dressed in long clothes, but wore a stiff collar and trimmed his beard.) He prayed in the *shtiebel* at ul. Garncarska 59, which was owned by → Icchak Majer Frank, a patron of the *tzaddik* of Rozprza. (He would travel to him for advice when in a critical situation.)

Federman worked in Leon Kruk's vodka store, located in his home on ul. Tylna (later ul. Strażacka). His wife ran a tavern at ul. Garncarska 65 or 70 (in Bolesław August Holler's home). Following a [new] law, that Jews could no longer run taverns with alcohol, he lost his long-time employment with the Kruk family. Thanks to their *protekcje*, he received a permit to run a beer tavern (without vodka). The tavern was located at ul. Garncarska 25, near the Stary Rynek [Old Market Square], next to the Old Synagogue and the Old Beit Ha'Midrash, on the ground floor of the Bendkowski house. The family lived on the first floor of that house, above the tavern. The brewery was much less profitable, so his wife, older daughters and even his mother-in-law had to work hard in order to maintain the household. In order to increase their income, they secretly distributed vodka (carried in bottles, tucked behind aprons). It was sold only to Jews or good friends. In the yard of the Bendkowski house, Federman commenced a soda water factory. He later moved it the neighbouring house of Jankiel Dawidowicz (ul. Garncarska 23).

In 1904, he won the state lottery and the family's situation improved a little. (He was only a partner in the winnings.) This meant, in the main, improving the education of the younger children (the eldest had already graduated from *cheder* and was studying in the city's Beit Ha'Midrash, and the older daughters were already working). From Złotnik's school, the middle son then went to Retke's junior gimnazjum. The youngest son went to the city Jewish school, while the youngest daughter Cesia Cyrla attended Wolf Dekel Szacher's school (which her mother had once attended).

Federman died on 24th June 1905 in Częstochowa. Following his death, the soda water factory was taken over by Motes Fuks, the husband of his oldest daughter Hinda. The running of the beer tavern and supporting the family became the responsibility of the oldest son, Szaja. From 1910, the beer tavern was located at ul. Prosta 6 (Mirowska) and continued to operate until the 1920s.

Federman's wife (from 1882) was Gitla née Rudnik (-1942 Treblinka). They had seven children – four daughters: Hinda (1883-1942) Fuks's wife, Frajdla (1886-1942) married Woźnica, Rajzla (circa 1896-1901), Cesia Cyrla (1898?-1942) married to → Michał Alter, and three sons: Szaja (1884-1942), Zalmana (1890-1942) and → Rafał.

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