

GEISLER (GAJSLER, GAJZLER) Julian Daniel (1885-1942), factory director, communal and sports activist. He was born on 22nd January 1885 in Częstochowa, the son of → Izidor Izaak Geisler and Paulina Perla née Herszlik, the brother of → Leon and → Arnold.

Geisler graduated from a commerce academy. He worked in the “Paulina” Glassworks, run by his father in Wyczerpy Dolne, near Częstochowa (now within the city’s boundary). At his initiative, in February 1912, a Volunteer Fire Brigade was organised at the Glassworks. (The Brigade also served the people of Wyczerpy). Later, he was to become their commander. From 1909, he sat on the board of the Glassworks.

On 2nd August 1914, following the withdrawal of the Russian army from Częstochowa, he was selected to serve as an assistant to the head of the newly-formed *Straż Bezpieczeństwa* [Security Guard]. During the war with the Bolsheviks, he financially supported the Committee to Aid the Polish Soldier. (In August 1920, he donated 1,000 marks.).

From 1918, as well as being its co-owner, Geisler took over the position of director of the Glassworks. In 1928, he was accused of killing one of the Glasswork’s workers, the result of an unsecured transmission shaft. The court trial lasted many months. Geisler was active in sports. He contributed to the development of the Częstochowa “Warta” Sports Club.

In 1941, during the German occupation, he was forced to live in the Częstochowa ghetto. During the deportations of Jews from the ghetto (September-October 1942), he was transported to the Treblinka extermination camp.

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