

GEISLER (GAJSLER, GAJZLER) Leon (1897-1942), lawyer, communal activist. He was born on 15th February 1897 in Częstochowa, one of seven children of industrialist → Izydor Izaak and Paulina Perla née Herszlik, his brothers were → Julian and → Arnold.

In 1916, Geisler graduated from the Gustaw Kościński No.1 Polish Gimnazjum in Częstochowa, and went on to study law. In 1933, he was entered onto the list of lawyers by the District Bar Association in Warsaw. Until 1940, he ran a legal practice in Częstochowa, at al. Wolności 10. He was communally active including, in 1914, serving as adjutant to the commander of the “Paulina” Glassworks Fire Brigade.

From 17th February 1940, he was head of the Applications Department of the Częstochowa Council of Elders (*Judenrat*). From April 1941, he was forced to live in the Częstochowa ghetto. He was transported to the Treblinka extermination camp during the mass deportations of Jews (September-October 1942). According to another version, he was shot in the ghetto.

Sętowski, *Cmentarz Kule*, pp. 85, 86 (regarding the Geisler family). - *Spis abonentów sieci telefonicznych 1939*, p. 48. - *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, p. 301; “Palestra” 1933, p. 745. - W.P., “Lista pomordowanych pracowników wymiaru sprawiedliwości i adwokatów 1939–1945”, p. 2 (manuscript in the collection of the State Archives in Piotrków Trybunalski); APCz, G. Kościński Gimnazjum in Częstochowa.

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