

GELBARD Adolf Abram (1862-1935), dentist, cultural, communal and charity activist. He was born on 23rd November 1862 in Piotrków, the son of Alter and Estera née Juda.

Gelbard ran a dental practice at I Aleja 18 (where he lived). In 1907, he owned the tenement at III Aleja 64 and the property at No. 65. From the end of 1914, he was the only dentist who, through the Emergency Aid Committee, treated the poor for free. Gelbard belonged to the Częstochowa Medical Association (TLCz), the "Dobroczytność" Charitable Society for Jews (TDdŻ) and was a member of the Częstochowa branch of the Polish Red Cross. From 1915 until June 1918, the TLCz's book collection was located in his apartment. From circa 1912, he served as president of the Częstochowa Odontology Society (its office was located at II Aleja 18).

In January 1917, he belonged to a group of initiators for the establishment of the W. Biegański Public Library in Częstochowa. In 1918, he was one of the signatories to an appeal, calling on Częstochowa residents to donate towards the creation of this library. In August 1920, during the war with the Bolsheviks, he helped with financial donations to the Committee to Aid the Polish Soldier (established by the Jewish Community Council). Prior to 1914, he was a member of the Częstochowa branch of the Polish Touring Society. In the second half of the 1920s, as a supporting member, he belonged to the Częstochowa Anti-Tuberculosis Society.

He died on 31st December 1935 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery (grave No. 1140 II).

He was married to Gustawa née Kon (13th January 1869 Piotrków - 19th July 1942 Warsaw), a TDdŻ activist. They had three children: a son → Jerzy and daughters Seweryna Halina (31st May 1892 Częstochowa - 1942?) and Alina (6th April 1905 Częstochowa-), married surname Wierzbowska, a graduate (1922) of the Słowacki Gimnazjum in Częstochowa. She survived the German occupation and lived in Łódź after the War.

Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 277. - Kociotek, Zaleska, *Gimnazjum i Liceum im. J. Słowackiego*, p. 121 (regarding daughter Alina). – "Goniec Częstochowski" 1907, No. 160, p. 4, 1914, No. 345, p. 2, 1915, No. 1, p. 4, 1917, No. 25, p. 3, 1920, No. 204, p. 3. – "Biuletyn Instytutu Filozoficzno-Historycznego WSP w Częstochowie" 2001, No. 28 (C. Galanek), p. 127; "Ziemia Częstochowska", vols. VIII/IX, 1970 (W. Tyras), p. 357; *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1913*, p. 205; *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, p. 14, 195 (and real estate listing); *PCK. Sprawozdanie 1933*, p. 16; *Sprawozdanie Częstochowskiego Towarzystwa Przeciwgruźliczego 1926–129*, p.

28; *Sprawozdanie Towarzystwa Dobroczynności dla Żydów 1913.* - USC Częstochowa, death records: No. 275/1935 (Adolf Gelbard) and No. 1148/1954 (Seweryna Halina Gelbard).

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