GOLDBERG Józef Josel (1886-), craftsman, craft and local government activist. He was born on 20th April 1886 in Częstochowa, the son of Majer and Ruchla née Zajdman.

By profession, he was a hairdresser. In the 1920s and the 1930s, he served as the senior Jew in the Guild of Hairdressers and Wigmakers in Częstochowa. As secretary, he sat on the board of the Jewish Craftsmen's Union. He was a leading representative of the Jewish Crafts Association. He sat on the board of the Tenants' Association. In 1929, he co-founded and was the main organiser of the "Piekarz" Mechanised Bakeries Cooperative. He managed the "Piekarz" cooperative at its office at ul. Herbska 12 (Boya-Żeleński). From March 1930, he was one of ten district social workers in Częstochowa (appointed to care for the poor).

Three times, he was elected to the Częstochowa City Council – in 1927, from the list of the Jewish Craft *Resursa*, in 1934 from the list of the General Jewish Election Committee and, in 1939, from the list of the United Jewish Electoral Bloc. On the City Council, he was a member of the Seniors Committee, a member of the City Development Committee and a member of the Unemployed Rescue Committee. From 1930, he was on the board of the Częstochowa branch of the Jewish Touring Society. In 1935, he lived at ul. Garncarska 25.

His wife was Rywa née Silnicka (14th March 1886 Częstochowa-), the daughter of Michał and Estera née Blum. They had no children.

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