GOLDBERG Mendel (1907 - after 1948), lawyer, member of the Council of Elders [Judenrat]. He was born on 20th June 1907 in Częstochowa, the son of Chaim Lajb and Etta née Hamburger.

On 20th November 1933, Goldberg submitted an application for the position of trainee advocate. His patron was the lawyer → Szymon Pohorille. He was active in the city’s sporting life. In the second half of the 1930s, he was a leading activist of the “Admira” Sports Club. Also, in the second half of the 1930s, he ran a law office.

From 1st October 1939 until the beginning of 1940, he was a member of the Council of Elders (Judenrat) in Częstochowa. He proposed a communal audit of the Council’s finances, a fair allocation for forced labour and not placing a burden upon the poorest strata of Częstochowa’s Jewish population. From the beginning of 1940, he no longer took part in the work of the Council and was removed from its presidium.

He survived the war and practised as a lawyer in Częstochowa. In 1948, he left Poland and stayed in the American Occupation Zone in Germany. On 28th October of that year, his name was removed from the list of lawyers.

Orenstein, Churban Czenstochow, pp. 57, 58; Małolepszy, Ruch sportowy, p. 85. – “Gazeta Sądowa Warszawska” 1934, No. 16 (16th April), p. 253; “Palestra” 1933, p. 749.

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