

GOSTYŃSKI Wilhelm Wolf Enoch (1872–1942?), craftsman, merchant, painting materials factory and warehouse owner, craft, communal and sports activist. He was born on 25th April 1872 in Łęczycza, the son of Benjamin and Majta Dwojra (1851-1932) née Nasielska, the brother of Ludwik.

Presumably, in circa 1920, he moved to Częstochowa. He ran an artistic decoration and painting workshop, as well as a wallpaper store (open from 1893), selling varnishes, paints and brushes (at II Aleja 21, later at No. 25, then, until 1940, at ul. Piłsudskiego 25 – a property which he owned). He was a member of the Jewish Painters' Guild.

In 1912, at his initiative and that of the engineer → Nachman Assorodobraj the Jewish Craft Resursa was established. From 1917, after the Resursa was transformed into a branch of the Craftsmen's Union, for a certain period, he served as its president. From circa 1912, he was a council member of the II Częstochowa Craft Savings & Loan Society, located at II Aleja 27. He was also president of the *Gmiles Chesed*, a savings and loan institution located I Aleja 12.

He was widely involved in communal activities. He was a board member of the "Dobroczyńność" Charitable Society for Jews (TDdŻ). He was also head of the TDdŻ shelter. In 1921, he was one of the founders of the Association of Jewish Secondary Schools (TŻSzŚ) in Częstochowa. In 1927, he joined a TŻSzŚ commission which had the task of promoting a plan for the Częstochowa Jewish Gimnazjum to have its own building. Gostyński was also active in sports. In August 1917, in Częstochowa, he was one of the organisers of the first national gymnastics competition for Jewish gymnastics associations (on the square on ul. Jasna - now ul. Waszyngtona). At that time, he was serving as president of the Jewish Gymnastics-Sports Association and, at the end of the 1920s, he served the vice-president of the (ŻTGS).

He was killed by the German during the war.

His wife was Ludka Bronia née Opoczyńska (1878 Kutno-1942?), the daughter of Dawid Szlama and Sura née Kozak. They had five children:

- Gela (1899 Kutno–),
- Ludwik (1900 Łódź – after 1945),
- Rajzla (1903 Częstochowa-),
- Szymon (1905 Częstochowa-) who, in the 1930s, ran the wallpaper, paint and tools store at ul. Piłsudskiego 25,
- Hania Chaja (23rd August 1911 Częstochowa – 7th June 1929).

Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 89 (regarding parents). – Paszkowski, *Budynek Żydowskiego Gimnazjum*, p. 159; Surma-Jończyk, *Spółdzielczość Żydów*, p. 278. – “Częstochower Cajtung” 1929, No. 8, p. 1, No. 25, p. 1, 1930, No. 32, p. 1, 1931, No. 48, p. 5, 1932, No. 32, p. 1, No. 33, p. 1; “Express Częstochowski” 1928, No. 184, p. 5; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1917, No. 188, p. 4; Ostatnie Wiadomości Częstochowskie” 1934, No. 69, p. 6. – “Rzemieślnik Żydowski” (one-off issue), p. III, p. 24. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, pp. 189, 312; *Kalendarz handlowo-przemysłowy 1927*. – *Spis abonentów sieci telefonicznych 1939*, p. 48 (regarding son Szymon). – “Księga adresowa 1939–1940” (manuscript in the ODDC collection). – Materials in the ODDC collection.

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