

GOTAJNER (GOTEINER, GOTTAJNER, GOTTEINER) Herszlik (1889-1942), trade worker, political, sports and cultural activist, city councillor. He was born on 28th March 1889 in Częstochowa, the son of Moszek Dawid, a merchant and house owner (at ul. Warszawska 11 in Częstochowa), a communal and patriotic activist. His mother was Rozalia Rajza née Horowicz. He was the brother of Abram (born 1894) who, in 1920, was a dentist in Częstochowa. (His surgery was at ul. Ogrodowa 19).

For four years, Gotajner served in the Russian army. During World War I, he was in Częstochowa. He was a trader. From the beginning of 1916, he belonged to the audit committee of the Union of Office and Commercial Workers. From November 1918, he belonged to the Częstochowa Workers' Council (CzRR). On 10th December 1918, at a meeting of the executive committee of the CzRR, it was resolved to co-opt Gotajner to the City Council. From 31st May 1919, he worked on the City Council's Taxation Commission.

He was a board member of the "Zjednoczeni" [United] Workers' Cooperative, founded in 1919. He was president of the "Farejnikte" Workers' Club. In 1919, he joined the City Council, representing the Jewish Socialist Workers' Party. In that same year, as a representative of "Farejnikte", he ran for the Sejm (in the Częstochowa-Radomsko constituency). However, he was unsuccessful. In 1922, he resigned from the City Council.

He was involved in cultural activities. In 1914-18, he directed performances by an amateur theatre at the Tow. Miłośników Żydowskiej Sztuki Teatralnej. (This group performed in Częstochowa and the surrounding area). He was also active in sports. In 1938, he gained the right to referee matches in the Częstochowa district of the Zagłębie District Football Association.

In 1927, he lived at ul. Spadek 17 (Garibaldiiego) in Częstochowa.

He was married to Ajdla née Frajsztadt (13th May 1889 Częstochowa-), the daughter of Izaak and Matylda née Hamburger. Presumably, his daughter was a table tennis player in the "Makabi" Jewish Gymnastics and Sports Association. In 1937, playing doubles, she won at the 1st Women's Table Tennis Tournament in Częstochowa.

T. Drozdek-Małolepsza, *Sport kobiet mniejszości narodowych w Polsce w latach 1919–1939*, "Prace Naukowe AJD w Częstochowie. Kultura Fizyczna" 2009, vol. VIII, p. 80; Kozłowska, *Żydowski ruch teatralny*, s. 46; Małolepszy, *Ruch sportowy*, p. 87; Pawlina-Meducka, *Kultura*

Żydów, p. 131; Sobalski, *Związki zawodowe, stowarzyszenia*, p. 136; Szwed, *Żydzi w samorządzie*, p. 168; R. Szwed, *Wybory do Sejmu Ustawodawczego*, p. 18. – “Częstochower Cajtung” 1928, No. 5, p. 1; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1916, No. 64, p. 3, 1920, “ 204, p. 3 (regarding his father); – *Kalendarz handlowo-przemysłowy 1927*. – APCz, MagCz 4998, k. 616, unit No. 1, ref. 8824, No. 157, unit No. 58, birth record No. 108/1889 (H. Gotajner). – register of addresses 1939–1940 (manuscript in the ODDC collection). – Materiał (extracts from state and municipal registers) in the ODDC collections.

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