

**GRANEK** Szaja (1881 - after 1945), craftsman, local government activist. He was born in Krzepice, the son of Jankiel and Chana Sura née Szymkowicz, the brother of Szyfra (1878–), Chawa (1885–), Fajga – married surname Frajtag (1886-1937), Chana (1906–), Icyk (1908–), Pinkus (1910–) and Ruchla (1913–).

Living in Częstochowa, Granek was a tailor. Before World War I, he ran a men's clothing workshop at I Aleja 11 and, at the end of the 1930s, at II Aleja 20. During World War I, he was active in the Jewish Craft Resursa. In December 1919, together with Herman Wnuk and Abram Frydman, he founded the Jewish Trade Union of Master Tailors (the union was registered on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1921). He was also a board member of the Jewish Craft Cooperative. From the 1920s, he belonged to the Jewish Craftsmen's Union.

In 1932-33, he was a member of the Częstochowa Jewish Community Council. Until 1932, Granek was a senior of the largest Jewish craftsmen's guild (numbering 230 individuals) – a tailors' guild. After the division which occurred within the guild, in 1933–36, he served as the senior in the 1<sup>st</sup> Guild of (Jewish) Tailors in Częstochowa.

In May 1939, on the list of the United Jewish Electoral Bloc, he stood for election to the City Council and became a deputy councillor. Granek survived the German occupation.

Mizgalska-Osowiecka, *Żydzi w samorządzie*, p. 191; Surma-Jończyk, *Spółdzielczość Żydów*, p. 261; Urbanowicz, *Rzemiosło*, pp. 237, 239; Wallman, *Rys historyczny życia gospodarczego Częstochowy (do r. 1934)*, "Ziemia Częstochowska", vol. III, 1947, p. 57; *Żydzi częstochowianie* (no pages numbers). – *Spis abonentów sieci telefonicznych 1939*, p. 48; "Rzemieślnik Żydowski" (one-off issue), p. III; "Częstochower Cajtung" 1937, No. 25, p. 1 (re. sister). – APCz, Częstochowa County Office 57.

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