

**HEFTLER** Icchak Izydor (1879–1933) entrepreneur, charity activist. He was born on 13th May 1879 in Częstochowa, the son of Samuel Heftler, a native of Częstochowa and Sura née Frenkel, who came from Mrzygłód. His older sister Rachela came into the world in Częstochowa in 1862.

Heftler was initially active as a sole trader. On 10th May 1920, together with Izaak Bem, Abram Gerszonowicz and Srul Horowicz, he opened the Heftler, Bem & Company Expediting-Trading House (at I Aleja 15).

Heftler was a religious Jew and a long-time member of the *minyán* conducted in the home of Mendel Rajcher (II Aleja 36). He was involved in charitable activities and gave alms, which made him many friends in the city. When, in the spring of 1929, he became involved in the activities of the “Achiezer” Mutual Aid Society, he organised the funerals of deceased members.

He died in November 1933 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery (his grave has not survived).

In 1901, he married Rachela née Wajntraub (15th May 1879 Piotrków – 12th October 1942), the daughter of Szlama and Anna née Szwarcensztajn. During the German occupation, she lived in Radomsko and was murdered by the Germans. They had a daughter Anna (25th February 1909 Częstochowa–), who died young, and a son Stefan (Szlama?) (28th October 1902–), who ran an enterprise until the outbreak of war. He survived the German occupation and, after 1945, lived in Tel Aviv.

“Częstochower Cajtung 1921, No. 86, p. 2, 1933, No 48, pp. 1, 6. – APCz, Unit No. 58, marriage record 38/1901 (re: parents); birth record No. 557/1902 (re: son).

**Wiesław Paszkowski**