

HERTZ (HERC) Michał (1842 - after 1914), merchant, construction entrepreneur, property owner, social activist, member of the synagogue supervision. He was born in Częstochowa, the son of Wolf (-1849) and Gitla. Hertz lived in Częstochowa.

As a construction entrepreneur, in 1884, the Ministry of the Interior (in agreement with the Ministries of War and Finance) permitted him to erect barracks for two squadrons of the 42nd Mitawski Dragoon Regiment on ul. Krakowska. From 1912, units of the 14th Mitawski Hussar Regiment were stationed there. In 1891-1896, he rented out buildings, which were used as posts for units of the Boarder Guard brigade.

In 1893, he was commissioned to build a slaughterhouse, at a cost of 61,000 rubles, in the Częstochowa suburb of Zawodzie. Hertz owned a number of properties in the city, including ul. Krakowska, Piotrkowska 1, 3 and 5, as well as Dojazdowa (Piłsudskiego) 31 and 33, and in the vicinity of Częstochowa which, from 1890, he rented to the Russian army and to border guards. Also, from 1885, Hertz was a supplier of provisions and other goods for the army.

He was communally active. Until 1888, he was one of the four people who headed the society which managed the *Talmud Torah* school, where Hertz also taught. In the 1890's, as a senior, he was a member of the synagogue supervision. He belonged to the "Dobroczytność" Charitable Society for Jews (TDdŻ).

Hertz married twice. His first wife, whom he married in 1863 in Częstochowa, was Estera née Dankowicz (1843 Częstochowa – 2nd November 1898 Częstochowa). He had eight children:

- Wilhelm Wolf (1866 Częstochowa–),
- Zanwel (1867 Częstochowa–),
- → Józef,
- Szymon (1872 Częstochowa–),
- Paweł (1882 Częstochowa–),
- Róża (1877 Częstochowa–),
- Chaja Sura (1874 Częstochowa–).

His second wife was Cecylia née Dankowicz (1872 Kraków–), the daughter of → Szymon and Maria née Szeermesser. They had a daughter:

- Anna (26th February 1904 Częstochowa–).

Cecylia was a charity activist, in the TDdŻ section which protected girls, as well as in the Aged Care Home and Orphanage. She was also a member of the TDdŻ board.

Madej, *Rosyjski garnizon wojskowy*, s. 149, 150, 151, 188, 190; Paszkowski, *Na częstochowskim cmentarzu żydowskim*, s. 287; Rędziński, *Szkolnictwo żydowskie*, s. 37. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, s. 291; *Rocznik adresowy 1901*, s. 545; *Rocznik częstochowski. Kalendarz 1903*, s. 91, 92, 93; *Sprawozdanie Tow. Dobroczynności dla Żydów 1913*. – „Goniec Częstochowski” 1914, nr 268, s. 2; „Tydzień” (Piotrków) 1893, nr 26, s. 2. – Materiały (wypisy z ksiąg metrykalnych i stanu cywilnego) w zbiorach ODDC.

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