

HERTZ Stanisław Szlama (1867-1929), sales representative, member of supervisory boards of credit unions and banks, social and charity activist. He was born on 14th November 1867 in Częstochowa, the son of Jeruchem and Zysla née Werde, sister of → Leopold Werde.

Hertz was a sales representative for the Gerke & Company Częstochowa Paper Coverings Factory. As vice-president, he sat on the Supervisory Board of Częstochowa Cooperative Bank (at I Aleja 7), on the Supervisory Committee of the Częstochowa Municipal Loan Society, on the audit committee and later as a board member of the Częstochowa Municipal Mutual Loan Society and, on the council and Board of the No. 2 Częstochowa Savings and Loan Association.

He was extremely actively involved in social and charitable activities. Over many years, he sat on the boards of the “Dobroczynność” Charitable Society for Jews, the Częstochowa Mutual Aid Society for Trade and Industry Employees, the Horticultural Farm for Jews and the Mina Werde Home for the Aged and Orphans. He was a member of the Welfare Council of the Crafts School for Jews, a member of the audit committee of the Society for the Spreading of Knowledge and a board member of the “Lira” Choral Society.

For a long time, he served as secretary of the Jewish Community Council [*gmina*] and as a member of the New Synagogue Committee. Along with the outstanding citizens of the city, he belonged to the executive committee to organise the celebrations, in Częstochowa, for the 125th anniversary of the 3rd May Constitution. Dr. Stanisław Nowak, writing about him, stated that he was “well-known and respected by the Jewish community and Christian citizens of the city of Częstochowa [...]. Without publicity, he assisted unhappy citizens”.

He lived at I Aleja 14. He died on 9th September 1929 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Old Jewish Cemetery, between the graves of his grandfather Abram Werde (grave No.1342 II) and → of Dr. Henryk Szpigiel.

His wife was Estera née Zaks (1875 Łódź - 1942), the daughter Heinrich and Rozalia née Hauzen. The couple had four children:

- → Alfred,
- Bolesław (15th March 1900 Częstochowa – 1942), who worked at the Częstochowa Cooperative Bank. He was a district board member of Trade Union of Commerce and Office Workers,

- Helena (8th September 1903 Częstochowa–), wife of Częstochowianin Szai Ajzner,
- Gabriela (23rd July 1907 Częstochowa – May 1942) who, in the academic year 1925/1926, studied in the Philosophy Faculty of the Jagiellonian University, she was the wife of historian Prof. Zygmunt Antoni Młynarski (1904-1963).

Nowak, *Z moich wspomnień* II, p. 129. – “Częstochower Cajtung” 1929, No. 37, p. 1 i 6 (obituary); “Express Częstochowski” 1929, No. 208, p. 2, No. 209, p. 2, No. 210, p. 2 (re: son Bolesław also); “Gazeta Częstochowska” 1909, No. 115, p. 2, No. 136, p. 8, 1910, No. 103, p. 3; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1916, No. 99, pp. 1, 1929, No. 208, p. 3; “Kurier Warszawski” 1901, No. 232, p. 2. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, pp. 186, 188, 296, 310, 311; *Sprawozdanie Tow. Dobroczynności dla Żydów 1913*, pp. 3, 21. – Materials (extracts from Częstochowa municipal registers) from the ODDC collection.

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