

HOROWICZ Bernard Beryś (1869–1929), merchant, entrepreneur, city councillor, education and Zionist activist. He was born on 13th May 1869 in Częstochowa, the son of Izaak and Karolina née Potok.

Horowicz was an entrepreneur and co-owner (with Sura, Mendel and Paulina Horowicz, as well as with Regina Broniatowska and Zofia Schönberg) of the Building Fittings Factory, which operated from 1899. Until 1941, it was in the hands of the family.

Together with J. Markowicz, he was a representative of the owners of real estate on ul. Garncarska, ul. Nadrzeczna, ul. Kozia, ul. Senatorska, ul. Prosta and the left side of ul. Warszawska. In August 1916, at a meeting of the property owners, he was elected to the committee which was to hold talks with the German authorities.

He represented the Jewish community on the local city council. In 1917, in local government elections, from electorate III, he entered the City Council. He was a member of the Finance-Budget Committee, as well as the Economics and Education Committees. Horowicz was active in education. In 1917, he was a co-founder of the Jewish Gimnazjum and was a member of the school's board. In 1921, he was a co-founder of the Association of Jewish Secondary Schools. He served on the board of the Jewish Crafts School in Częstochowa. He sat on the synagogue board and also on the board of the Hebrew Courses Association.

Horowicz was well-known as a Zionist activist. He was the founder of the first Jewish Zionist club in Częstochowa. In 1915, he was a co-founder and later an activist (together with his wife) of the local Zionist Gymnastics Association. He was involved in the publishing of the Zionist daily "Nowy Express Częstochowski". In Częstochowa, he lived at ul. Warszawska 48.

His wife was Sura née Kenigsheit (30th November 1867 Tomaszów–), the daughter of Jakub and Chana née Rozensztein. They had four children:

- Zofię (22nd October 1897 Częstochowa -- 1942 Treblinka), married surname Stock, who lived in Kraków,
- Regina (22nd July 1899 Częstochowa – 1942 Treblinka), married to Ajzyk Broniatowski, graduated in 1918 from the Maria Słowikowska Gimnazjum in Częstochowa,
- Paulina (1901 Częstochowa–), a 1919 graduate of the absolwentkę (1919) Maria Słowikowska Gimnazjum, and
- Izaak Leon (7th January 1905 Częstochowa–).

Czenstochower Jidn, p. XXXIII (incorrect date here: 1924); Grzędzielski, *Związki i stowarzyszenia*, p. 37; Mizgalski, *Tożsamość polityczna*, p. 267 (name here: Berisz Dawid); Pawlina-Meducka, *Kultura Żydów*, p. 107. – “Express Częstochowski” 1929, No. 28, p. 3; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1916, No. 67, p. 3, No. 196, p. 3, 1917, No. 29, p. 3. – APCz, MagCz 5011, k. 6, 9, 10. – Materials (incl. Extract of birth rec.) from the ODDC collections.

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