

JANOWSKI Berek (1888–1942) teacher, Zionist. He was born in Dąbrowa (Dąbrowa Górnicza).

He obtained his teaching qualification after passing the professional examination, and began teaching circa 1910. From the beginning of the 1920s (?), at the Częstochowa Jewish Gimnazjum, he taught religion, Hebrew and Judaic subjects. He was known as a passionate Hebraist, and a lover of modern literature in that language. He would often invite students to his home and would lend them books from his own extensive book collection.

At the beginning of the 1920s, he was associated with the Zionist "*Ha'Shomer Ha'Tzair*" scouting organisation. He encouraged his students to join it. However, he later left, discouraged by this organisation's socialist slogans. He was on the board of the Zionist Organisation in Częstochowa, but soon became one of the founders (along with → Szmul Niemirowski) of the Revisionist Zionist Organisation.

In April 1939, he was elected to the City Council. However, due to the outbreak of the war, he was not able to take up his duties. In Częstochowa, he lived at ul. Kopernika 13.

In 1941, he was forced to live inside the ghetto. Together with his wife, in 1942, he perished in the Treblinka extermination camp.

His wife, Chana Bajla née Sztorhein (1892–1942), was a qualified nurse, passing her examination in 1938. During the German occupation, she was one of the first to apply to work for the Society for the Protection of the Health of the Jewish Population TOZ.

Zagórowski, *Spis nauczycieli 1926*, p. 294. – *Czenstochower Yidn*, pp. 78, 184; *Czenstochow*, pp. 24, 25; Brener, *Widersztand*, p. 46. – *Urzędowy spis lekarzy 1939*, p. 40 (nurses, re: wife).

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