

**MAJTLIS** (MEITLIS) Herman Chaim (1885–1942), merchant, social and charity activist. He was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1885 in Częstochowa, the son of → Izrael Ber and Judyta née Haftek.

Majtlis was co-owner of the Meitlis Brothers & Wiernik Expedition House at ul. Mikołajewska 13 (ul. Katedralna 8). He was involved in charitable and social activities. Following the outbreak of war, from September 1914, he made donations to the Emergency Aid Committee. In 1920, he contributed to the Committee for Aid to the Polish Soldier. (During the War with the Bolsheviks, this committee operated through the Jewish Community Council.) Majtlis had Zionist views.

In 1917, from District II, he ran for election to the City Council, but was unsuccessful. In 1921, he was co-founder of the Society of Jewish Secondary Schools in Częstochowa.

He perished in Treblinka in 1942. In the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery, he is mentioned in a symbolic inscription on the tombstone of the Majtlis family (grave No. 1044 II).

His wife was Franka Frymeta. They had two sons: Rafał aged 28 and Teodor aged 17. They all perished in Treblinka in 1942.

Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 276. – “Goniec Częstochowski” 1914, No. 268, p. 2, 1920, No. 204, p. 3. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1913*, p. 267. – APCz, MagCz 4998, register 2; JW 383046. – Materials from the ODDC collections.

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