

MARKOWICZ Zygmunt Szlama Zalman (1889–1939), industrialist, factory director, social and sports activist. He was born on 30th October 1889 in Częstochowa, the son of Markus Mordka, who was a co-owner of a colonial good and wines warehouse, and Salomea Sura née Flatau, brother of → Mieczysław.

He owned real estate in the village of Kawodrza (now within Częstochowa). There, in 1928, the Gnaszyńska Wallpaper and Coloured Paper Factory, the Gnaszyńska *Manufaktura* and the Gnaszyńska Ceramics Plant were built. Markowicz was both a co-founder and board member of all these enterprises. At the end of the 1930s, he held the position of director of the Gnaszyńska *Manufaktura* Joint Stock Company. He was a board member of the Częstochowa Merchants and Industrialists Association and of the Częstochowa District Industrialists Association. He was also president of the Craft Co-operative Bank in Częstochowa. Representing Częstochowa, he sat on the Provincial Council in Kielce.

He was a member of the Bnei B'rith lodge in Kraków. He played a significant role in the city's communal life. In 1922, he co-organised, in Częstochowa, the "Auxilium Judaicum" Committee to Aid Jewish Students. He was a board member of the "Dobroczynność" Charitable Society for Jews and, from 1934, he was vice-president of the Fund for Interest-Free Loans for Jews.

In 1926, together with → Roman Markowicz, he took part in the creation of an entertainment hall, at II Aleja 26, at the "Warta" Częstochowa Sports Club. In 1930, he entered the board of the Society for the Construction and Operation of Theatre in Częstochowa. From 1935, he belonged to the Committee for the Building of a Jewish Gimnazjum. He was a board member of the Częstochowa New Synagogue and a member of the Częstochowa Jewish Community Council.

In 1924, he founded and published the periodical "Głos Powszechny" ["The Common Voice"] but, in August 1925, he withdrew from its financing. He was active in sports. He was one of the most active members of the Częstochowa "Warta" Sports Club. From 1933, he sat on the board of the "Makabi" Jewish Gymnastics and Sports Association.

Markowicz lived at ul. Jasnogórska 36a. He died on 17th February 1939 in Otwock. He was buried in the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery.

His wife was Anna Chawa (1892 Strzemieszyce–), the daughter of → Izydor Izrael Sigman (Zygmant) and Regina Rywka née Herc, who took part in the activities of

all charitable institutions in Częstochowa, including the orphanage and aged care home. In May 1943, via Great Britain, she arrived in the United States.

Their children were:

- Helena (24th May 1925 Częstochowa-) who, in 1943, together with her mother, found herself in the United States,
- Marian (17th February 1921 Częstochowa-), an engineer who, during World War II, served as a second lieutenant in the Polish Air Force based in Great Britain.

Czenstochower Yidn, p. LIX; Pawlina-Meducka, *Kultura Żydów*, p. 108; *Z dziejów Żydów w Częstochowie* (J. Mizgalski), p. 242; *Życie teatralne w Częstochowie 1870–1945–1970*, ed. B. Lubosza, Częstochowa [1970], p. 36. – “Express Częstochowski” 1929, No. 63, p. 1, 1930, No. 123, p. 2; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1939, No. 41, p. 2 (obituaries); “Nasz Głos Powszechny” 1936, No. 3, p. 4; “Nowy Express Częstochowski” 1926, No. 282, p. 3; “Słowo Częstochowskie” 1934, No. 241, p. 5. – *Informator 1889*, p. 46J (re: father). – USC, gmina moźeszowa 1939, death record No. 41. – Materials (extracts from civil registers) in the ODDC collections.

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