

NIERENBERG (NIRENBERG) Icek (Icyk) Szyja (1886–), merchant, administrator, political, local government and social activist. He was born on 13th September 1886 in Częstochowa, the son of Szlama, a bookbinder (his workshop at II Aleja 24) and Rywka Laja née Goldhersz (-1932 Częstochowa), the brother of Henocho (29th January 1899 Częstochowa–), an accountant.

Nierenberg graduated from the Częstochowa municipal school. He worked in a writing-accessories shop (on II Aleja). During World War I, he was one of the leaders of the Zionist-Socialist Workers' Party. In 1917, representing that party, he won a seat on the Częstochowa City Council (in the electorate elections, from the working-class electorate No.4). He sat on the Poverty and Food Committee. In 1919, he again was elected to the City Council, representing the Jewish Socialist Workers' Party *Farejnikte*. He worked on the food, electricity (from 1920), charities and police pay committees.

Circa 1925, after completing his term in office as a councillor, he joined the Administration Department of the Częstochowa municipal authorities. From November 1918, representing *Farejnikte*, he became a member of the Częstochowa Workers' Council, sitting on the Executive Committee. Together with Romuald Jarmułowicz (PPS) and Józef Zagórski (National Workers' Union), he protested against the City Council's inaction in supporting workers' welfare.

In the 1919 elections to the Legislative Sejm, he represented the *Farejnikte* (United) list. He was a co-founder and, later, a board member of the "United" Workers' Co-operative.

He was active socially. He was one of the leading activists of the L. Perec Worker's Children's Shelter. In January 1918, on behalf of the Shelter, he applied to the City Council for funding. For many years, he served as president of Częstochowa Jewish School Association. He was a member of the Częstochowa branch of the Polish Red Cross.

In Częstochowa, Nierenberg lived at ul. Ogrodowa 32.

His wife was Sura née Fridman (1887 Nieznanice-). They had sons Leon (5th October 1911 Łódź–), a graduate of the Boys Vocational Gymnasium of the Secondary School Teachers Association in Częstochowa (matriculated 1930), Henryk Henocho (13th August 1920 Częstochowa–) and Szaja.

Czenstochower Yidn, p. CXLIII. – Mizgalski, *Tożsamość polityczna*, p. 205; Szwed, *Żydzi w samorządzie*, p. 169; *Żydzi częstochowianie* (dot. syna Leona). – Nowak, *Z moich wspomnień III*, pp. 19, 21, 229. – Gąsiorowski, *Oddział częstochowski Stowarzyszenia Elektryków Polskich*, p. 253; Sobalski, *Związki zawodowe, stowarzyszenia*, p. 136. – “Częstochower Cajtung” 1933, No. 1, p. 1; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1917, No. 20, p. 4, No. 84, p. 8. – “Almanach Częstochowy” 1990 (T. Mielczarek), p. 43, 44. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, p. 206 (dotyczy ojca); *PCK. Sprawozdanie 1933*, p. 21; *Rocznik adresowy 1901*, p. 547 (re: father). – APCz, MagCz 4998, k. 493, 5010, 5011, 5503, 5583, p. 8. – materials (extracts from civil registers) in the ODDC collections ODDC.

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