

**SENIOR** Szymon Simcha (1870 - 1942 or 1943), factory clerk, factory director, community activist. He was born on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1870 in Praszka, Wielinski County, the son of Elias (circa 1842 - 1896), trader, and Paulina Perla née Kępińska (Kempner) (circa 1843-1896), the brother of → Leopold, pharmacy owner. His parents' grave is located in the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery (grave No. 1227 II).

From 1895, Senior worked as a clerk (cashier) at the "Warta" Jute Spinning and Weaving Plant. He later became one of the factory's directors. From 1918 (together with → Samuel Szlichter), he became an official representative of the enterprise.

He was a board member of the Association of Commercial and Industrial Employees (SPHiP). In 1916, together with → Jakub Rozenberg, he initiated the establishment of a teahouse at the Association. In that same year, on behalf of the SPHiP, he managed the shop of the Jewish section of the Emergency Aid Committee, at II Aleja 18.

In 1920, during the war with the Bolsheviks, he transferred funds in support of Polish fighting soldiers. He was socially active. He was a board member of the "Lira" Literary-Musical Society. He served on the audit committees of the "Linias Ha'Tzedek" Society to Aid Poor and Sick Jews, the Society for the Spreading of Knowledge and the Częstochowa Mutual Loan Society (prior to 1914, he was a board member of this organisation). In the second half of the 1920s, he was a supporting member of the Częstochowa Anti-Tuberculosis Society.

In 1927, during elections to the Częstochowa City Council, he served as deputy chairman of the Regional Electoral Commission. In 1928, representing the list of industrialists, he became a delegate to the County Health Fund in Częstochowa. In 1930, the Central Council of the General National Exhibition in Poznań awarded him a diploma in recognition of his thirty-five years' service in the "Warta" factory.

He lived at II Aleja 16 and, later at No. 28. In 1939, he lived at ul. Jasnogórska 15.

In 1942 or 1943, he perished during the German occupation. There is a symbolic inscription on Grave No. 448 II, in the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery, in which are included Szymon Senior and his daughter Paulina.

In 1898, in Kromotów, he married Salomea née Wajcen/Wejcen (15<sup>th</sup> August 1878 Częstochowa – 10<sup>th</sup> December 1935 Częstochowa), social activist, who sat

on the board of the Children's Shelter (on ul. Fabryczna) of the "Dobroczynność" Charitable Society for Jews.

They had a daughter, Paulina (2<sup>nd</sup> June 1900 Częstochowa - 1942 or 1943) and a son, Aleksander (26<sup>th</sup> November 1913 Częstochowa-), a graduate of the R. Traugutt No.2 State Gimnazjum in Częstochowa (1932), a textile technologist .

Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, pp. 204 (re: parents), 275 (information re: daughter), 395. – "Traugutt", p. 233 (re: son Aleksander). – "Częstochower Cajtung" 1935, No. 50, p. 1; "Express Częstochowski" 1930, No. 53, p. 2; "Gazeta Częstochowska" 1910, No. 71, p. 3, No. 103, p. 3; "Goniec Częstochowski" 1916, No. 27, p. 2, No. 199, p. 3, 1917, No. 58, p. 8 (re: brother Leopold), 1918, No. 146, p. 4, 1920, No. 204, p. 3, 1935, No. 287, p. 1 (wife's obituary). – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, pp. 187, 291 (re: wife), 310; *Spis abonentów sieci telefonicznej 1939*, p. 52; *Sprawozdanie Częstochowskiego Towarzystwa Przeciwgruźliczego 1926–1929*, p. 28. – APCz, AmCz 5412, p. 226, Unit No. 1, ref. 8858, No. 1045 (dovol. syna, Aleksandra). – Material (genealogical information regarding the Senior family) in the ODDC collections.

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