

SIGMAN (ZYGMAN) Izydor Izrael (circa 1869-1929), industrialist, factory owner, philanthropist. He was the son of Izrael.

He frequently travelled to the United States, where he had the opportunity to observe how the local factories operated. In 1912, he co-founded the Jute Manufacturing plant in Gnaszyń (now a district of Częstochowa). He served as president of the board of that factory. In January 1915, by virtue of a resolution of the Częstochowa City Council. He was obligated to an increased tax (20 rubles) to the Emergency Aid Committee.

In that same year, he again travelled to Chicago where he invested funds in the local industry. In 1918, he returned to Częstochowa and, thanks to his energy, he developed the Gnaszyń *Manufaktura*. In 1928, he launched the Gnaszyń Ceramics Plant and the Gnaszyń Wallpaper and Coloured Paper Plant. He served as chairman of the board of both factories.

He was active in providing aid to the poorest inhabitants of Częstochowa. Written in a posthumous memoir, "In his private life, he was distinguished by kindness and accessibility. To prevent misery, he never closed his generous hand".

On Częstochowa, Sigman lived at ul. Jasnogórska 26a.

He died on 3rd (?) March 1929 in Częstochowa and, on 13th March, was buried in the local Jewish cemetery. His family established a monument on his grave on 2nd March 1930.

His wife was Regina Rywka née Herc. They had a daughter Anna Chawa, wife of → Zygmunt Markowicz, and sons → Abe Abraham, Stanisław Salomon Izaak Sigman (Zygman), board member of the the Gnaszyń Wallpaper and Coloured Paper Plant, and also a board member of the Society for the Protection of the Health of the Jewish Population (TOZ), CKS "Warta" and the Building Committee for Jewish Community Schools (after 1945, he lived in the USA). He was managing director of the Gnaszyń Wallpaper and Coloured Paper Plant,

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