

**SŁONIMSKI** Adam (1880-1942?), mathematician, engineer. He was born on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1880 in Warsaw, the son of Stanisław Saul (1853-1916), a well-known dermatologist and internal medicine specialist, a social activist who, for a certain time (before 1886), was connected with Częstochowa, and Franciszka née Breslauer, half-brother of writer Antoni Słonimski.

Słonimski considered himself to be an agnostic Jew. He graduated from the University of Göttingen. He then worked as an engineer at the "Stradom" Textile Factory in Częstochowa as well as a teacher at the local Jewish school. In 1915-17, he lectured (including on the theory of relativity) in self-education courses. Apparently, he earned extra money by solving differential and integral equations for companies. He lived at ul. Stradomska 27.

In the 1927 elections to the Częstochowa City Council, he served as chairman of the VI District Electoral District (at ul. Handlowa 3). Słonimski was the leading chess player of the Częstochowa Chess Club.

In 1940, during the period of German occupation, he was part of the first and second compositions of the Council of Elders (*Judenrat*) in Częstochowa. From 1941 (?), he was in the ghetto in Piotrków Trybunalski. There, he committed suicide. (According to another version, in 1942, he was transported, from the Częstochowa ghetto, to the Treblinka extermination camp.)

Słonimski married twice and had three children.

He had Anna Lilia (1909-) with a German governess, whom he seduced while still in his family home. Anna graduated from the J. Słowacki State Girls Gimnazjum in Częstochowa (1927). In 1934, she graduated in medicine at the University of Warsaw. While a student, she rented rooms with Bronisław Knaster and Maria Morska, remaining in the care of her uncle Antoni Słonimski. After graduation, as a doctor specialising in internal medicine and children's diseases, she practised in Warsaw. (She lived at al. Szustra 34). She married Witosław Modzelewski (1908-1940), a bacteriology doctor, who was murdered by the NKVD in Charków.

His second wife was Zofia née Mamlok (1887 - 1942 Treblinka), the daughter of Ludwik and Maria née Merensztajn. They had two children. His wife and children perished in Treblinka.

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Kociotek, Zaleska, *Monografia Gimnazjum i Liceum im. J. Słowackiego*, p. 122 (re: daughter Anna); J. Kumaniecka, *Saga rodu Słonimskich*, Warszawa 2003; J. Kuciel-Frydryszak, *Słonimski. Heretyk na ambonie*, Warszawa 2012; Prüffer, *Szkolnictwo w Częstochowie*, p. 31. – „Nowy Express Częstochowski” 1927, No. 211, p. 3. – *Urzędowy spis lekarzy 1939*, p. 152 (re: daughter Anna and also Witosław Modzelewski). – APCz, unit No. 1, ref. 8817 (1880 conscript list) No. 429. – JW 1922240, 1945890. – Materials from the ODDC collections.

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