

**STILLER** Zygmunt Zysman (1876-1943), industrialist, merchant, city councillor, social activist. He was born on 11<sup>th</sup> January 1876 in Praszka, the son of Józef (-1927) and Elka née Masłowska.

Prior to 1903, he was the owner of a bamboo furniture shop. He was also co-owner, together with H. Hocherman and I. Brühl, of the Hamburger and Hocherman Toy and Office Furniture Factory, which was established in 1893 (at ul. Teatralna 67 and, in the second half of the 1930s, at al. Wolności 83/85). He also owned a factory where, from 1898, he manufactured crystal buttons and small accessories. In 1909, he presented these products at the Industry and Agriculture Exhibition in Częstochowa.

He was a member of the board and council of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Częstochowa Craftsmen's Savings & Loan Society. In 1913, he co-founded and, later, was a board member of the Częstochowa Association of Industrialists and Merchants. From the 1920s to 1939, he served as president of that organisation. During World War I, Stiller was president of the Craftsmen's Club. From 1925, he sat on the board (vice-chairman until 1929) of the County Health Fund. In 1928, he joined that organisation's council.

In 1917, in the district elections to the Częstochowa City Council, he stood as a candidate in District II (without success). However, in July 1918, he became a member of the City Council, replacing → Gustaw Kohn, who had resigned as a councillor. Stiller was a member of the Health Committee. In September 1920, he was appointed to a Council committee to deal with matters contingent for the Polish Army.

In 1921 and 1922, as a delegate of the City Council, he took part in general meetings of the Association of Polish Cities. In 1925, he again became a city councillor, standing on the list of the United Jewish Electoral Committee. In 1927, he served on the Regional Electoral Commission during elections to the City Council.

In the second half of the 1920s, he served as president of the Supervisory Board of the Industrialists and Merchants Bank. From the end of the 1920s (at least until 1934), he belonged to the Kielce Province Chamber of Industry and Commerce. In 1928, he was president of the Association of Merchants and Factory Owners in Częstochowa.

Stiller was active in the "Lira" Musical-Literary Society in Częstochowa. He also belonged to the "Dobroczytność" Charitable Society for Jews and, in the second

half of the 1920s, he was also active in the Częstochowa Anti-Tuberculosis Society. (He was a supporting member.) In 1929, he was invited to join the executive committee of the Decade Jubilee of the 27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment in Częstochowa.

Stiller's communal activity came to a halt as a result of a train accident. In February 1934, he was injured, losing a leg, at the Częstochowa railway station. [Despite this], in 1935, he served as a member of the Building Committee of Premises for Jewish Community Schools in Częstochowa.

Before 1914, Stiller lived on ul. Nowa (Sobieskiego), later at ul. Kościuszki 27 and, after 1931, at ul. Wolności 23.

He was murdered by the Germans on 20<sup>th</sup> March 1943, in the mass execution at the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery.

His wife was Szejna Tauba née Kaminer (1876 Warsaw). They had three children:

- Renata (14<sup>th</sup> February 1903 Częstochowa-), who graduated from the Maria Słowikowska Girls Gimnazjum in Częstochowa, the wife of Władysław Winter;
- Stanisław (14<sup>th</sup> September 1904 Częstochowa-) and
- → Halina Lampel (27<sup>th</sup> April 1901 Częstochowa – 20<sup>th</sup> March 1943 Częstochowa).

Czech, *Kalendarium przemysłu*, p. 122. – Paszkowski, *Budynek Żydowskiego Gimnazjum*, pp. 163, 164; Szwed, *O samorządzie terytorialnym*, p. 366. – “Express Częstochowski” 1928, No. 261, p. 2, No. 284, p. 5, No. 289, p. 4, 1929, No. 99, p. 2, No. 128, p. 3, No. 236, p. 2, No. 284, p. 2; “Gazeta Częstochowska” 1910, No. 103, p. 2; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1917, No. 29, p. 3, 1918, No. 143, p. 4, 1920, No. 207, p. 2; 1934, No. 87, p. 3; “Kurier Codzienny” 1927, No. 85, p. 6; “Nasz Głos Powszechny 1936, No. 3, p. 4; “Nowy Express Częstochowski” 1927, No. 62, p. 2 (dot. ojca), No. 70, p. 4. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, p. 189, p. 254; “Jednodniówka Powiatowej Kasy Chorych” 1928; *Przewodnik po Wystawie Przemysłu i Rolnictwa*, p. 116; *Rocznik częstochowski. Kalendarz 1903*, p. XXXVII; “Rocznik Muzeum Okręgowego w Częstochowie” 1989, z. 2, p. 135; *Rocznik polskiego przemysłu i handlu 1936*, No. 26, 1938, No. 29; *Spis abonentów sieci telefonicznych 1935*, p. 52; *Sprawozdanie Towarzystwa Dobroczynności dla Żydów 1913*; *Sprawozdanie Częstochowskiego Towarzystwa Przeciwgruźliczego 1926–1929*, p. 28. – APCz, AmCz 5412, p. 226, MagCz 4998, k. 2, 591, 5026, k. 8, 5032. – Genealogical material in the ODDC collections.

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