

**SZPALTEN** (SZPALTYN) Salomon Szlama (1887-1955), industrialist. He was born on 14<sup>th</sup> December 1887 in Częstochowa, the son of carpenter Fajwel Paweł Szpaltyn of Mstów (1854-1926) and Laja née Liberman (1852–1941).

He had two brothers:

- Jakub (10<sup>th</sup> December 1888 Częstochowa - 1942 Treblinka?), who was married to pharmacist Andzia Anna née Praszkiwicz (1892? – 1942 Treblinka?). They had three children - Gina l. 16, Cila l. 13 and Baruch l. 10 – all perished.
- Henryk Herszlik Cwi (3<sup>rd</sup> January 1892 Częstochowa-) who survived the occupation and, after 1945, left for Israel. His wife was Henia née Fiszman, with whom he had three sons: Salomon l. 19, Paweł Fajwel l. 15 and Ludwik l. 12). During the ghetto liquidation in 1942, his family hid in a bunker. On 1<sup>st</sup> October 1942, as the result of betrayal, they were discovered by the Germans and were murdered.

Szpalten graduated from the six-class state Boys Gimnazjum in Częstochowa. At the beginning of 1920, together with his brothers, Jakub and Henryk, he owned a tannery and the “Henryków” Liquid Carbon Acid Factory at ul. Strażacka 28 in Częstochowa.

In August 1920, during the war with the Bolsheviks, he and his brothers donated funds to the Committee to Aid the Polish Soldier (operating through the Częstochowa Jewish Community Council).

Szpalten lived at ul. Krótka 13. In 1939, his factory was taken over by the Germans and was run by a *Treuhänder* (F. Walter). Szpalten survived the German occupation.

He died on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1955 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery (grave No. 35 III, today, destroyed). His wife was Maria Melchior.

Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, pp. 219, 279 (re: Szpalten family). – Czech, *Kalendarium przemysłu*, pp. 95, 96. – “Goniec Częstochowski” 1920, No. 204, p. 3; No. 221, p. 2; *Spis abonentów sieci telefonicznych* 1939, p. 54 (re: brother Henryk). – APCz, unit No. 1, ref. 8822, No. 518 (list of conscripts).

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