

**SZWARZ** (SZWARC, SZWARTZ) Dawid (1885–), industrialist, union activist, social and charity activist. He was born on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1885 in Częstochowa, the son of Izydor Izrael Srul (circa 1854 - 1906 Częstochowa), who came from Siedlce, and Cyrla Celina née Eksztajn (1860 Częstochowa – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 1932 Częstochowa). His parents are buried in the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery – grave Nos. 241 II and 242 II. His brothers were → Abram Adolf (1882 Częstochowa-) and Bernard Adrian Hersz (20<sup>th</sup> June 1886 Częstochowa-), Bund activist who, from 1907 was imprisoned for political activity, tenement owner in Częstochowa, journalist.

In 1919, together with → Samuel Goldstein and → Joachim Dawidowicz, he established and was co-owner of the “Metalurgia” Częstochowa Casts and Enamel Factory (at ul. Krótka 16). In 1928, together with → Feliks Dawidowicz, he founded the “Union” Electro-Technical Office (at ul. Śląska 46). In 1926-1928, he served on the board of the Częstochowa Co-operative Bank.

He was active charitably and communally. Prior to 1914, he was a member of the audit committee of the “Linias Ha’Tzedek” Society to Aid the Poor & the Sick. He belonged to the “Dobroczytność” Charitable Society for Jews. From 1916, he sat on the board of the Office and Commercial Employees Union. In 1922, he was co-founder and, later, a member of the board (treasurer) of the Częstochowa branch of the “Auxilium Academicum Judaicum” Committee to Aid Jewish Students.

In 1932 and 1934, he was elected to the council (in a group of construction industrialists) to the Chamber of Industry and Commerce in Sosnowiec.

He lived in Częstochowa. In the first half of the 1920s, at ul. Kościuszki 39, in the 1930s, consecutively, at III Alej 61, ul. Kilińskiego 30 and ul. Waszyngtona 28.

Swarz was married twice. In his first marriage with Józefina née Chappaz, he had a daughter Felicja (12<sup>th</sup> December 1912 Częstochowa–). His second wife was Florentyna née Goldberg, formerly Wajsbard (26<sup>th</sup> December 1888 Warsaw-), the daughter of Berek and Estera née Szpilrajn.

Gąsior, *Oddział częstochowski Stowarzyszenia Elektryków Polskich*, pp. 220, 221; Mizgalski, *Życie społeczne częstochowskich Żydów*, p. 242; tenże, *Tożsamość polityczna*, p. 164; Surma-Jończyk, *Spółdzielczość Żydów*, pp. 261, 280. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*; *Spis abonentów telefonicznych 1932/33*, p. 16, 1936, p. 52, 1938, p. 54; *Sprawozdanie Tow. Dobroczytności dla Żydów 1913*. – “Częstochower Cajtung” 1932, No. 48, p. 1 (re: matki); “Express Częstochowski” 1928, No. 225, p. 5; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1916, No. 64, p. 3, 1932, No. 65, p. 3; “Ostatnie Wiadomości Częstochowskie” 1934, No. 69, p. 6; “Kielecki Dziennik

Wojewódzki” 1934, No. 26 (26<sup>th</sup> October), p. 316 (poz. 143). – APCz, unit No. 1, ref. 8820 (1885 list of conscripts), No. 527, ref. 8821, No. 534 (re: brother Bernard). – Materials (including extracts from civil registers) in ODDC collections.

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