SZYPPER Abram Chaim (1900-1942) journalist, researcher of Hebrew literature. He was born on 29th October 1900 in Częstochowa, the son of Juda Szypper, trader, and Brandla née Sztal.

He belonged to the Częstochowa Jewish intellectuals. He was a Zionist, who was also recognised as a Hebrew expert and as a researcher of Hebrew literature. He was one of the first contributors to the “Ba-Derech” [“On the Road”] newspaper, published in Warsaw in 1932-1937.

He also wrote in Yiddish. In Częstochowa, from the end of the 1920s, he worked as a columnist for the “Częstochower Cajtung”. He co-edited the Zionist weekly “Unzer Weg”.

From September 1939, with the outbreak of war, Szypper began writing his “Częstochowa Almanac”, a chronicle of the events. Despite being warned that he should hide his manuscript in a bunker (so that it would be preserved), during the liquidation of the Częstochowa ghetto in the autumn of 1942, together with his manuscript, he was deported to the Treblinka extermination camp.

Czenstochower Yidn, pp. 91, 98; Orenstein, Churban Czenstochow, pp. 381, 382. – APCz, unit No. 58, birth record No. 440/1900.

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