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Juda (Judl) Dancyger z"l



Already in his youngest years, Judl Dancyger joined the Zionist workers movement "*Poalei Zion*" in Częstochowa and became one of its most active members. For his revolutionary activism, he was sent by the Tzarist government to Siberia. Upon his return to Częstochowa in 1913, he was called up to serve in the military and participated in the First World War.

After the War, he returned to Częstochowa, where he found his party fully flourishing. With great vigour, he again applied himself to his party's work and actively took part in all its fruitful undertakings, such as the establishment of children's homes, workers' cooperatives, etc.

He was also nominated and elected a representative of *Poalei Zion* on the Częstochowa City Council.

He realised his true Zionist dream, together with his wife Rywca, when they arrived as pioneers in Haifa in 1925. There, he toiled very arduously but, with his extraordinary perseverance, he managed to attain status and built himself a beautiful house in the city centre.

In Haifa, too, Judl Dancyger was active as a community identity and was also elected as Chairman of The Association of Czestochowa Jews [in Israel]. Both he and his wife dedicated much time and effort to the newly-arrived *Częstochower* immigrants, whom they were always prepared to aid. It is not for nothing that Dancyger was crowned with the title "The Ambassador of Częstochowa".

But, alas, cruel Death tore him from us in the midst of his self-sacrificing activity for the benefit of his *landsleit*. In recognition of his dedicated and selfless work, The Association of Czestochowa Jews in Haifa decided to immortalise his memory by naming the Charity Fund after Juda Dancyger z"l.

