

Federman Rafał

[He was] born in 1892 in Częstochowa. His parents owned a tavern and, later, a soda-water factory. After attending *cheder* and primary school, he completed the middle school course as an external student (self-taught).

Federman began his first social activism in the Social Democracy of the Kingdom of Poland and Lithuania, the S.S. [Zionist-Socialist Workers Party], *Vereinigt* [United Jewish Socialist Workers Party] [and the] *Bund*. Until 1922 he was a member of the *Vereinigt* Party's Central Committee. He then crossed over to the *Bund* [and] became Chairman of the Party Committee in Częstochowa, a Councillor and Secretary of the Częstochowa City Council, a member of the council of the Jewish *Kehilla* [and] Chairman of the Jewish Schools Organisation and the "Y.L. Perc Home" in Częstochowa.

With Kune Chrobołowski's closest cooperation, he edited the mouthpieces of *Vereinigt - Unser Wort* ["Our Word"] in 1919, and *Das Neue Wort* ["The New Word"] in 1920.

After leaving the *Vereinigt* Party, he became editor of the Bundist workers' newspaper, the *Proletarier* ["Proletarian"] - an organ of the Professional Unions Council. He also participated in other party-organs of *Vereinigt* and, later, of the *Bund*.

Federman was arrested twice and was submitted to a political [legal] process.

Since 1940, he has lived in America, where he serves as Chairman of the United Czenstochover Relief Committee. He was one of the editors and main collaborators of the book "*Czenstochover Yidn*", published in 1947, and of the book "*Czenstochov*", published in 1958. That same year, the United Czenstochover Relief Committee issued a booklet entitled "*Rafał Federman*", marking the 50th anniversary of his social activism.

In 1957, he published a book titled "*On the Shores of the Warta and East River*". In 1960, he put out a long-playing memorial record under the name "*Czenstochov*", in memory of the Częstochowa Jews who were annihilated in the city which had become ruined.