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Reb Duwid Icchok Edelist



Born in Pińczów, he was married in Częstochowa to the daughter of Reb Nachman Aron Rozen, the son of the rabbinical judge, Reb Jakób Elio Rozen.

Being a fanatical study-hall lad, he had misgivings about moving to Częstochowa, a city known for its *Maskilim* and progressives. He only moved to Częstochowa after receiving the approval of the "*Sfas Emes*". The great energy of his youth in all matters regarding Judaism and religious education did not weaken to the day of his death at the age of seventy-eight. All his life he acted with the same enthusiasm and commitment he had in his youth.

He dedicated all his time to public affairs and to institutions of education and charity, loyally and with boundless commitment, whilst his wife Rywka managed their business, in order to enable him to dedicate himself to public matters.

He was among the founders of the "*Machzikei Hadas*" *cheder* on ulica Nadrzeczna. Through his efforts, a Jew named Berl Prentki z"l, who was not wealthy, donated his plot to the *cheder's* building. Reb Duwid Icchok was busy day and night with the construction project and its management. He took care of every teacher and every pupil. He knew all their problems and provided for their necessities.

He was also among the founders of the new *mikvah*, which gained fame throughout Poland for its beautiful fittings and elaborate sanitary equipment.

He was also a member of the *Kehilla* Council where, as always, he energetically devoted himself to public affairs in general and to religious matters in particular.

In addition to all this, he was also active in the Jewish "*Bank Spółdzielczy*" [Cooperative Bank] and was among the founders of "*Agudas Yisroel's*" "*Bank Kupiecki*" [Merchant Bank], on whose board of directors he was a member.