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Dr Hipolit Gajsler *hy''d*

His surname was actually "Gajfler", but he was known in Częstochowa as "Dr Gajsler".

Dr Gajsler was a man of the people and was close to the Jewish craftsmen, although he himself was a medical doctor.

After finishing his medical studies in [St.] Petersburg, he immediately dedicated himself to social work amongst Jewish sportsmen and he particularly endeavoured to organise the Jewish craftsmen, whom he represented in various municipal and financial institutions, whilst also being the *Prezes* of the union.

Dr Gajsler handled the Jewish craftsmen's problems in the best possible manner. In gratitude, the craftsmen decided to name their library after Dr Hipolit Gajsler.

(On the eve of the Second World War, Dr Gajsler enlisted in the Polish army. His wife and son moved to Lemberg [Lwów]. In the summer of 1942, they returned to Częstochowa in a deplorable state - very ill and having suffered greatly from Nazi brutality and hatred towards Jews.

His wife and son were killed by the Nazi murderers.

We have no accurate details on Dr Gajsler's fate. Jewish expatriates in Russia say that they saw him, at the beginning of the War, at a railway station in Russia. Still others claimed that he worked at a military hospital not far from Moscow. There was also a rumour that he had been killed in Katyń by the German murderers. One thing is certain - Dr Hipolit Gajsler shared the fate of the six million Jewish martyrs!)