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## From My Memories

### **A Częstochower in Germany in 1914**



*Photo of the author in  
1914*

Right at the outbreak of the First World War, in 1914, the Germans seized young men for forced labour and sent them to Germany. A group of Częstochowa Jews was also sent off in this manner.

But, even in the prisoner camps, we were active. We created a management committee which conducted cultural activities and was in contact with our city up until the end of the War.

### **A Częstochower as a Railroad Worker**

When I returned to Częstochowa from Germany in 1916, I started working on the railroad.

Being a metal-worker, I was admitted as a member of the "S.S. [Zionist Socialists] Party's" Professional Union, and also elected to the management.

When the Germans left the city, under the orders of Commander Chrobołowski, I participated in the disarming of the Germans who had fled Poland in panic.

Once the Polish government was established, it dismissed all Jewish railroad workers. We sent a delegation to Warsaw to demand adjudication. The delegates were Jakób Lenkinski, Abram Gotlib and me.

After lengthy efforts, we achieved our aim. We then planned to travel to the Land of Israel and continue working as railroad workers there but, sadly, we received no certificates.