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The Revisionist Zionist Movement in Częstochowa

Within the Revisionist movement (besides the youth organisation *Brit* [Yosef] Trumpeldor "Betar", about which shall be written separately), there were the following organisational units:

Brit [Heb. alliance] ***Ha'Tzohar*** [acronym of The Revisionist Zionists]

At the head of *Ha'Tzohar* stood the prominent local public figure Szmul Nemirowski, who was involved in public life and was the representative of the *Ha'Tzohar* alliance in the management of different organisations. He also founded communal and financial institutions. Following the separation that took place in the Revisionist movement in 1933, Nemirowski remained loyal to Jabotinsky's ideology and, with his great organisational power, reassembled its lines. He was aided in this work by the Professor Janowski, Professor Wajnberg, Herman Hercberg, Benjamin Hercberg, Eng. Szpic, Lipman Kopinski, Eng. Epszajn, A. Erlich and other people, whose names I do not remember.

With Ze'ev Jabotinsky's visit in Częstochowa, in May 1935, a meeting was held with many participants and a special newspaper was also printed in honour of the occasion. When the world leadership decided to establish the new Zionist Union, at the conference it held in Vienna in September of that same year, elections for this congress were also held in our city and many gave their consent to its establishment.



*Collective photograph of the Revisionist movement.
At its centre, the leaders: Szmul Nemirowski, Perec Lasker and Józef Gliksman*

“Menorah” Labour Alliance

A labour movement called “*Menorah Labour Alliance*” was founded as well, and at its head stood Ezriel Jakubowicz, Abram Lenczner, Dawid Liberman, Mojsze Krauze, Jakob Kartuz [and] Zvi Szyldhaus. This movement’s main activity was an extensive information and cultural one.

Brit-HaChayal [“The Soldier” Alliance]

As in other cities in Poland, a group for demobilised soldiers, named “*Brit Ha’Chayal*”, was organised in our city also. Its members roused many to the Zionist cause and particularly from among assimilationist circles. The heads of the organisation were Krakowiak, formerly an officer in the Polish army and a sports teacher-instructor, N. Kurland, Sz. Jarzombek, M. Erlich, Gotajner and other active members, whose names I do not remember.

Achdut Israel [Unity of Israel]

Part of the religious public within the lines of the revisionists, established a special organisation of their own named “*Achdut Israel*”. Its members founded a synagogue, in which they preached to the religious public about the ideology of Ze’ev Jabotinsky. Its youth movement was called “*Brit Jeshurun*” [Jeshurun is a poetic name for Israel]. At the head of this religious movement stood Chaim Leib Jungster, Holand, A. Ofman and a few other members.

Nordia

A sporting organisation was also established, which was involved in all areas of sport and particularly distinguished itself in boxing.

The Revisionist Women’s Movement

Women also took an active part in the struggle to fulfil Jabotinsky’s idea of establishing the State of Israel. They organised meetings and raised money for the “Tel-Chai Fund”.