

Chaim Wajnsztok *hy''d*



He was born in 1881 in Pilica, near Zawiercie. In his childhood, his parents came to live in Częstochowa. He was very well-known in town, especially among the middle class.

In the Russian-Japanese war of 1904, he served in the Russian army as a Second Lieutenant. Upon his return from Japanese captivity, he entered the confectionery business and, at the same time, organised the Retailers' Union.

Over the course of time, he was chosen Chairman of this union. He was also a member of its centre in Warsaw. He served, among other things, both as a member of the *Kehilla* Council and of the Częstochowa City Council. He was also on the list of candidates to the Polish *Sejm*, a member of the Zionist Organisation's Central Committee in Poland and one of the activists of its branch in our city.

(During the Second World War, he organised and managed a soup kitchen on ulica Nadrzeczna, at the "court" of the *Rebbe* of Żarki, until the Jewish population was annihilated in 1942.

In one of the "operations", he was taken to a concentration camp and perished in the Holocaust.)