In 1939, the Jew-devouring “Goniec” [“The Messenger”, a local newspaper] got a fright. It felt that Częstochowa Jews were deciding to seize the Jew-free Zawodzie [a neighbourhood] and sounded an alarm: “Goniec” wrote:

This means [that] Zawodzie has been, until now, a God-blessed location upon which no Jewish foot has trodden and, now suddenly, after the market was relocated there, various Jews now wish to buy places and rent shops, in order to settle there.

This antisemitic periodical, therefore, appeals to true, pious Christians not to yield to the “seductions” of the “Żydzi” and not to sell or even to rent holy Zawodzie ground to Jews.

With its toxic words, “Goniec” incites against Jews, who are “foreign” and “enemies” here, who have already seized the Old and New Markets, the First and Second Aleja and now scramble to also conquer Zawodzie.

This must not be allowed and every loyal Pole must work together and not permit the Jews to infiltrate there too.

Furthermore, this antisemitic newspaper does not prevent itself from arousing the lowest instincts of the broad masses, indicating that the Jews are the greatest enemies of the Polish people and that they are also to blame for the prevailing financial crisis.

Although it is known that a large part of the Jewish population – stallholders and shopkeepers in the Old and New Markets – lost their livelihoods due to the Zawodzie market, this did not suffice for the Jew-devouring “Goniec” and it warned against the Jewish danger.

Thus, “Goniec” also prepared the ground in advance for the annihilation of Polish Jewry.

* In 1939, a short time before the Second World War, an article was published in the “Częstochower Zeitung”, under the title “Jews Conquer Zawodzie”, in which the toxic antisemitic words of the Jew-devouring “Goniec” are quoted.

We also publish this article which shows in what conditions Częstochowa Jews already lived in those dark days.