

TWERSKI Dawid Aron (1882–1942), *tzaddik*. He was born in Turzysk, the son of Jakub Lejb Twerski, the *tzaddik* of Turzysk in Wołyń, and Fajga née Twerska, the daughter of Jochanan of Rachmistówka¹, the brother of Mosze Mordechaj Twerski, the Turzysk Tzaddik of Warsaw.

He was descended from the Hassidic Twerski dynasty, a descendent of one of the first propagators of Hassidism, the famous *magid* (itinerant preacher) Menachem Nachum of Chernobyl.

In the 1920s, for a short time, he settled in Żarki near Częstochowa. It was from this place that he became known as the *Żuriker Rebbe* (the Żarki Tzaddik). He soon moved to Częstochowa, where his Częstochowa Hassidim and followers from all over the world bought him a house at ul. Nadrzeczna 36 – not far from the Old Synagogue. It was there that he set up his court. Hassidim, from all over Poland, flocked to him. They came on Shabbat and on Jewish holidays, especially on *Simchat Torah*. Apart from his outstanding origins, the reasons for his popularity were the qualities of his character and great learning.

In September 1942, he was transported, by the Germans, to the Treblinka extermination camp.

His wife was Szyfra née Fridman. They had three children – sons Szulim and Abram, as well as a daughter Rajzla, married surname Szapiro, who perished in Treblinka together with the family.

Ezriel ben Mosze, *Simchat tora u Żareckiego Cadyka*, in: *Sefer Czenstochow I*, col. 607. - JW 8428018.

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¹ [TN: today known as Rachmastrika in Ukraine.]