

WEISSKOPF (WEISKOPF, WAJSKOPF) Jakub (1924-), assumed name "Jan Gąsiorowicz". Conductor, educator. He was born in Częstochowa, coming from a musical family, brother (?) of → Ludwik.

During the occupation, he was forced to live in the Częstochowa ghetto. There, he organised concerts, in which → Wanda Kopecka performed. After escaping from the ghetto, he hid in Warsaw. (He had documents under the name of "Jan Gąsiorowicz").

After the war, he studied at the State Music College in Warsaw studying conducting with Faustyn Kulczycki and composition with Prof. Piotr Rytt. After graduating, he was auxiliary conductor of the State Philharmonic in Lublin. He later led the Small Symphony Orchestra and Choir in "Tajemnica Świata" in Warsaw.

In 1958, he left permanently for Israel, where he was a music school director and led an instrumental group. He took on the surname "Sznir".

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Wiesław Paszkowski