

**BOCHENEK** Dawid (1880–1942), merchant, cooperative activist, banker, social activist. He was born on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1880 in Częstochowa, the son of merchant Ferdynand Efroim (1857-) and Salomea Szyfra née Szumacher. For fifty years, his father managed (as *gabbay*) the Ohel Jakow synagogue at I Aleja 4 in Częstochowa.

He sold paper for wrapping and printing, as well as having an agency at II Aleja 35 and, at the end of the 1930s, at ul. Powstańców Śląskich 6 (now Śląska). Until November 1924, he sat on the board of the *Częstochowski Bank Spółdzielczy* [Częstochowa Cooperative Bank]. He was considered the most outstanding financier in the city and, from 1929, he was representative of the Jewish Craft Bank (later the Cooperative Craft Bank) in Częstochowa. He maintained the accounts and had the authority to sign correspondence, commitments, cheques and to conduct all procedures on behalf of the Bank. In 1934, this authority was withdrawn. However, he continued to manage the bank until 1938, when it was placed into liquidation.

He involved himself in patriotic activities. In August 1920, he was one of the donors to the Committee to Aid Polish Soldiers (he was active at the Jewish Community Council). During the German occupation, he was in the Częstochowa ghetto. When the ghetto was liquidated (September-October 1942), he was transported to the Treblinka death camp.

His wife (from 18<sup>th</sup> June 1905) was Fryderyka (20<sup>th</sup> August 1880 Poczesna, Cczęstochowski District - 1942?) née Altman, the daughter of Jakub and Zelta née Grosberg. They had a son, Ignacy (21<sup>st</sup> June 1906 Częstochowa-), who graduated (1924) from the H. Sienkiewicz I State Gimnazjum in Częstochowa, and a daughter Maria Alicja (12<sup>th</sup> July 1913 Częstochowa-), married name Weinberg who, after the war, lived in Israel.

*Sienkiewiczacy*, p. 231 (regarding his son). - Surma-Jończyk, *Spółdzielczość Żydów*, pp. 278, 279, 280. — *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, pp. 214, 243; 1914 pp. 214, 243. *Spis abonentów sieci telefonicznych 1939*, p. 45. — “Goniec Częstochowski” 1918, No. 101, p. 4; 1920, No. 204, p. 3. “Częstochower Cajtung” 1929, No. 31, p. 6; 1932, No. 5 (29 I), p. 1. - APCz, AmCz 5412, p. 226.

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