

**BAJGEŁE** Emanuel M[a]nyl (1868–1920), bookbinder, bookseller. He was born on 10th December 1868 in Koniecpol, the son of Cadyk and Chawa née Kostenberg.

Initially, he lived in Radomsko (he married there around 1892). He arrived in Częstochowa prior to 1902. He was the most important Jewish bookseller, apart from → Henocho Lapidus. He ran his bookstore at Stary Rynek 22 (in the vicinity of his competitor). He mainly sold prayer books, copies of the Bible, the Talmud and other devotional tomes. He also offered popular literature, such as books about Herszel of Ostropol, collections of fairy tales, etc. He sold them, but also lent them out. He endeavoured to close a sale at any cost, ready to lower prices. With the help of his wife and even his deaf daughter, he would turn back customers who were leaving empty-handed. He was a member of the Old Synagogue. He died on 4th January 1920 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local cemetery. His grave has not been found.

The selling of books was taken over by his son Juda Mordka. The bookstore was still operating at the beginning of the occupation (included in a listing from 1940-1941). At that time, it was located at ul. Warszawska 12.

Emanuel B.'s wife was Frajda née Zajdman (17th January 1871 Radomsko – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1929 Częstochowa), the daughter of Juda Mordechaj and Dwojra Laja née Eksztejn. She was buried in the Jewish cemetery (grave 113A I). They had two daughters - Cyrla (5th March 1893 Radomsko -) and Idessa (14th February 1897 Radomsko -) as well as two sons - Juda Mordka (6th August 1902 Częstochowa -) and Lejb (29th September 1904 Częstochowa -).

Orenstein, *Churban Czenstochow*, pp. 376, 377; Spatek, *Zarys dziejów księgarstwa*, p. 231.

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