

BÖHM (BEHM, BEM) Szymon (1823-1894), merchant, industrialist. He was born in Krzepice (?), the son of Jakub.

Böhm was a pupil at the Rabbinical School in Warsaw. He was the owner of a brewery in Częstochowa. In the second half of the 1880s, he began producing and selling vodka. As a property owner, in 1876-89, he rented a house to the Russian Army (its headquarters were based there).

He died of a heart attack on Saturday, 23rd June 1894, during prayers in the Częstochowa synagogue and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery (grave 1346 II). "He was a hardworking man, quiet and obliging", such that his funeral was attended by a large number of local residents and others who came from elsewhere.

Böhm's wife was Gitla (1827-1888), the daughter of → Dawid Bergman. They had four children - Szajndla (1848 Częstochowa-), Józef (1850 Częstochowa-), Filipina (1854 Częstochowa-) and Berek Albert (1858 Częstochowa-), a merchant in Częstochowa. On 13th September 1894, the Piotrków District Court declared him bankrupt and ordered that he be placed in custody in the Warsaw debtors' prison.

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