FOGELBAUM (VOGELBAUM) Tobiasz Teofil (1876-1937), accountant, trader, city councillor and magistrate, union, local government and communal activist. He was the son of Mozel and Estera.

By profession, Fogelbaum was an accountant. In 1920, he ran an insurance [business] (at ul. Kościuszki 2). In the first half of the 1920s, in Częstochowa, he was the representative of the “Piast” Insurance Society of Warsaw (at ul. Kościuszki 2b). In 1926, he became a director (for Częstochowa) of the Riunione Adriatica di Sicurtà insurance company.

Fogelbaum was active in associations and trade unions. Prior to 1914, he was a board member (librarian) of the Mutual Aid Association of Trade and Industrial Workers in Częstochowa. He later became president of the Trade Union of Trade and Industrial Workers. In April 1920, he was co-founder of the Częstochowa Trade, Industry and Office Employees Trade Union. In 1925-27, he belonged to the board (he was vice-president) of the Industrial & Mercantile Association in Częstochowa. He resigned from this position after the majority of the board expressed no confidence in him. He was co-founder, and later president and long-serving board member, of the Częstochowa Tenants Association. From 1920, he was a board member of the Central Union of Tenants. He was a board member of the “Achizey” Mutual Aid Association. He was a member of the supervisory board of the Industrialists and Merchants Bank (Bank Przemysłowców i Kupców) in Częstochowa.

He was a local government activist. In 1917, in the curial elections, he was elected to the City Council (from Curia V). On the City Council, he worked on the Finance-Budget Committee (he eventually resigned from that role) and the Regulations-Legal Committee. In 1920, he was proposed as a city magistrate (ławny) (a member of the Częstochowa municipal authority), but he was not selected. He was a ławnik from 1925 to 1927 (on behalf of the United Jewish Electoral Committee). In 1927, he was called to the eleven-member Rada Przyboczna Kierownika Tymczasowego Zarządu Miejskiego (a position successively held by Paweł Getel, Aleksander Bratkowski and Józef Mazur). He sat on that Board until 1932. (He was the only Jewish representative there, representing the Jewish caucus in the City Council.)

In Częstochowa, he lived at ul. Teatralna 26, later at ul. Kościuszki 2. In October 1932, he left for Warsaw (he lived at ul. Żłota 25). He died there on 17th July 1937.
He was married to Regina née Blausztajn (circa 1874-1930), with whom he had a son → Julian Jakub and a daughter, Ewelina Ludwika, a graduate of the J. Słowacki State Girls’ Gimnazium in Częstochowa (matriculating in 1921). She was married to Salomon Bergman (1891-), a doctor in Łódź.


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