

GELBER Chuna Elkan Elchanen (1855-?), stonemason, entrepreneur. He was born on 21st November 1855 in Częstochowa, the son of Moszek and Ruchla née Plefman.

At the beginning of 1875, in Częstochowa, he married and probably began his professional activity. It is unknown as to whether he operated an independent workshop. The first surviving tombstone, bearing his signature, dates back to 1894. In 1913, his business was located at ul. Aleksandrowska 6 (later ul. Wały Prawe 4, ul. Wilsona). Even back in 1929, the company bore his name. But, from 1920, only his surname appeared on the tombstones, which indicated his son who worked in his father's workshop. The Gelber factory was one of the best in Częstochowa, and also probably, systematically paid taxes (the reason for having no fear in signing the tombstones).

His first wife was Salka Gnendla [Cylka] née Oleszner (1854 Częstochowa - 9th May 1897 Częstochowa). They had three daughters and a son:

- Roza (born 16th April 1876 Częstochowa) married to → Rubin Fiszman
- Fajgla (born 14th December 1884 Częstochowa), married to → Maurycy Faust
- Chena (born 31st May 1894 Częstochowa)
- Nuchim (born 13th November 1878 Częstochowa), stonemason who probably perished in 1942 in Treblinka. His wife was Zysla née Pelców, the daughter of Moszek Dawid and Mariema née Politański. He died on 19th February 1921 in Częstochowa. They had a son → Aba Gelbera.

In 1897, in Piotrków, Chuna Gelber married Rywka née Jakubowicz (born 13th July 1866 Piotrków), the daughter of Naftula and Czarna née Frakman, aka Żarnowiecka (the widow of Moszek Wigdor Żarnowiecki).

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