

GINSBERG Ajzyk Szymon (1809-1876), merchant, local government activist. He was born on 14th March 1809 in Częstochowa, the son of merchant Berek Berman Ginsberg (circa 1771-1827) and Brandla née Majzel (-1816).

He began trading in religious items and was later a merchant (II Guild) in Częstochowa. He took on various businesses, also in partnership with his brothers Markus and Majer. In 1855, the authorities accused him of various abuses (probably smuggling across the Prussian border) and placed him under police supervision.

In 1841-1848, he was a member of the synagogue supervisory body. On 2nd April 1861, he was appointed as a deputy councillor on the Częstochowa City Council. On 24th July 1862, he leased income from alcohol production, for twelve years, from the Kłobuck municipal authorities. (Within three years, he was to pay 9,777 rubles.) In 1872, he joined the committee for the expansion of the city's synagogue.

He died on 16th April 1876 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery (grave No. 1254 II).

In 1830, he married Anna née Majzel (1812-1872), the daughter of Majer and Rochel née Markowicz. They had a son Jakub (1838-) and a daughter Brandla (1843 Częstochowa-).

Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 81; *Częstochowa. Dzieje miasta i klasztoru jasnogórskiego*, vol. II, Częstochowa 2005, p. 277; J. Spyra, *Najstarsze żydowskie rodziny w Częstochowie*, w: *Dzieje ludności żydowskiej w regionie częstochowskim w XIX i pierwszej połowie XX wieku*, ed. J. Mizgalski, J. Spyra, Częstochowa 2017, pp. 120, 121; *Kłobuck*, vol. I, p. 258. - APCz, records of the parish of St. Zygmunt in Częstochowa, birth record No. 18/1809; unit No. 58, marriage record No. 18/1830, death record No. 24/1876.

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