

**GINSBERG** Jan Ernest (1905-1983), architect. He was born on 20th April 1905 in Częstochowa, the son of → Herman Gerszon and Leonia Laja née Ginsberg.

He was raised by a German governess as well as by Germanophile parents. In 1917, he fell victim to an explosion and underwent three head operations. His eyesight remained damaged which, later, made it difficult for him to draw and prompted him to find other ways of working. He was excused from military service.

In 1922, he graduated from a technical high school in Warsaw and began studies in the Architecture Faculty of the Warsaw University of Technology, which he interrupted. In 1923, he studied art history at the University of Berlin and, in 1924-1929, at the private École Spéciale d'Architecture w Paris, where he gained his diploma in architecture. In 1930, he opened his studio and, a year later, created his first projects (with Berthold Lubetkin).

In 1939, he took French citizenship. He lived in Paris and worked on projects mainly in France and Monaco. In 1965-1967, he designed the centre of the new city of Ashdod in Israel. He received the highest French award – the Order of the Legion of Honour. He died on 14th May 1983 in Paris.

In 1936, he married his first wife Olga de Krassilnikof, with whom he had two children – Corinne, who married Filip Rouleau and Christiane, who married Jean Pierre Carré, an architect and partner of Jan Ernest Ginsberg. They divorced in 1953 and, in 1954, he married May d'Ornhjelm.

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