

GROSMAN (GROSSMAN) Michał (1864–1938), factory director and owner, social activist. He was born on 28th January 1864 in Częstochowa, the son of → Lazarus and Rozalia née Buchner, the brother of → Jan and → Stanisław.

From 1890 to circa 1893, Grosman ran a mother-of-pearl button factory, employing 118 workers. Later, he held the position of technical director in a whalebone factory, which was established in 1906. In 1929, he established a pram and doll factory.

In 1889, he was a board member of the Częstochowa Volunteer Fire Brigade. In 1906, he belonged to the Polish School Committee which established the I Polish Gimnazjum in Częstochowa. As a member of the “Dobroczynność” Charitable Society for Jews (TDdŻ), together with his brothers, he donated 10,000 rubles towards the building of the TDdŻ hospital.

He died on 5th June 1938 in Częstochowa, at ul. Piotrowska 29.

His wife was Teresa née Bergman (1868 Częstochowa-), the daughter of Szymon and Szarlotta née Wolberg, with whom he had a son Szymon (1891–1968), a mechanical engineer and graduate of the Schmidt Institute in St. Gallen. He worked in a wheelchair factory. During the German occupation, he hid in Częstochowa.

Cmentarz św. Rocha, p. 79 (re: son). – Kon, *Monografia Straży Ogniowej*, p. 13; Szatkowski, *Monografia przemysłu*, p. 30. – Willenberg, *Bunt w Treblince*, pp. 121, 122 (re: son). – “Express Częstochowski” 1930, No. 48, p. 6; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1938, No. 129, p. 2; *Sprawozdanie Tow. Dobroczynności dla Żydów 1913*, p. 21. – USC Częstochowa, 1938, death record (M. Grosman) No. 129, k. 65; – the account of Irena Grosman from Częstochowa (in the ODDC collection). – Materials (copy of birth record) in the ODDC collection.

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