HELMAN Ludwik (1877–1940), merchant, merchant and communal activist. He was born on 29th January 1877 in Częstochowa, the son of Chil, a merchant, and Chaja née Zimnawoda, the brother of → Stanisław Bernard.

In Częstochowa, he ran a chemical and pharmaceutical products warehouse (at II Aleja 28, where he lived). He owned a house at ul. Jasnągórskia 24 (now, number 28), which he rented as the Maternity Home. (In 1913, he sold it to Dr Józef Pietrasiewicz.) Helman was active in the Jewish Merchants Association. On behalf of that organisation, among other activities, he participated in a meeting to standardise the hours of work and rest for factory workers.

Helman was also active in philanthropy. He belonged to the “Dobroczyńność” Charitable Society for Jews (TĐdŻ), and financially supported the TĐdŻ Hospital. During World War I, he was a member of the “Emergency Help” Committee. During the war with the Bolsheviks, in August 1920, through the Jewish gmina, he financially supported the Committee to Help the Polish Soldier. In 1906, he joined the Society for the Spreading of Knowledge.

He died on 5th January 1940 in Częstochowa and was buried in Jewish cemetery.


Juliusz Sętowski