

KAC (KATZ) Leon Lewek (1886–1939), craftsman, victim of terror. The son of Szmul and Pessa née Szpalten/Szpaltyn. He was born on 14th December 1886 in Częstochowa.

In his youth, he was active in the “Bund” party and was a member of its self-defence. In the 1930s, he was a senior member in the Guild of Carpenters and Turners (*Der Judischer Tiszler un Dreksler Cech*) and a board member of the Craft Association (*Hantwerker Farband*).

On 4th September 1939, he was thrown out of his house (ul. Warszawska 21) and was killed by German soldiers in the Nowy Rynek. According to another version, the Germans forced Jews to jump over anti-aircraft ditches in the square. Kac suffered a heart attack and died within minutes. He was buried in the Jewish cemetery next to other victims of “Bloody Monday” (grave No. 2442 I).

His wife was Ruchla née Altman, the daughter of Mošek and Hana Laja née Ast. Their children were:

- Chaja (15th September 1914 Częstochowa),
- Cerla (19th October 1918 Częstochowa),
- Matla (25th December 1920 Częstochowa)
- Szmul Moszek (26th January 1924 Częstochowa).

Orenstein, *Churban Czenstochow*, p. 52; *Czenstochow*, p. 295; Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, p. 115. – “Częstochower Cajtung” 1931, No. 8, p. 4; No. 47, p. 5. – APCz, z. 58, birth record No. 189/1886. USC, death record No. 196/1939.

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