

**KOHN** Bernard Berek (1808–1894), merchant, industrialist, city councillor. He was the son of Józef and Dobra née Markus, born on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1808.

Kohn was a merchant, delivering various articles to the Russian army. From the beginning of the 1840s, he traded in paper. An 1842 contract for the sale of paper, between the owner of the paper mill in Łojki, M. Kunert, and Kohn has been preserved. Kohn owned the (American) water mill on ul. Targowa. He was also co-owner (with his son-in-law → Karol Ginsberg) of a paper factory built in 1870–1872. (The plant operated under the name “K. Ginsberg and Kohn American Mill and Paper Factory”, later the “Paper, Cardboard and Cylinder Mills Factory”).

Kohn was involved in local government activities. In October 1861, he entered the Częstochowa City Council but, in 1862, he resigned in protest, together with other members of the Council.

He was active charitably, including being on the committee to help victims of the fire in Częstochowa on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1862 (in which the families of Jewish craftsmen and small traders suffered). He was one of the first to come to their rescue, donating several thousand złoty to the victims. From 1868, he contributed 6.65 rubles to a fund, established by the Jewish gmina, for the benefit of the Jewish elementary school.

Kohn was the owner of a tenement at II Aleja 27, at the corner of ul. Teatralna (al. Wolności). It was erected in 1865 by the builder Hermiszewski, with the participation Warsaw stucco maker Dominik Morganti, on a plot of land given to Kohn, in 1863, on a perpetual lease.

He died on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1894 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery. (His grave has not survived.).

In 1826, in Koło, he married Ewa Jochewet (14<sup>th</sup> June 1809 – 6<sup>th</sup> June VI 1887 Częstochowa) née Frenkel, the daughter of Lejb Aria ha-Lewi and Bejla née Gliksman (buried in the Jewish cemetery, grave No. 1234 II). They had three daughters and a son:

- Rozalia (1835–1891), married to → Karole Ginsberg,
- Ernestyna Estera (1835–1896), married to → Adolf Abram Markusfeld. From 1894, she owned the tenement at II Aleja 27,
- Glika Gusta (1837–), married to Józef Landau and
- → Ludwik Lewek.

Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 124 (dovol. also wife). – Fałowski, *Czenstochoviana na łamach "Jutrzenki"*, p. 209; *Katalog zabytków sztuki*, p. 91; *1867–1967 Kronika Papierni w Częstochowie*, Częstochowa 1967, p. 13 (nlb.); Mielczarek, *Pierwsza w Częstochowie drukarnia*, p. 164; Paszkowski, *Na częstochowskim cmentarzu żydowskim*, p. 285; Rędziński, *Szkołnictwo żydowskie*, p. 25; H. Rola, *Powstanie styczniowe na ziemi częstochowskiej*, Katowice 1965, p. 13; Sętowski, *Markusfeldowie. Wizerunek rodu częstochowskich przemysłowców*, p. 226; Sobalski, *Przemysł częstochowski*, pp. 38, 56, 57, 164; M. Trąbski, *Działalność Rady Miejskiej Częstochowy w latach 1861–1862, w świetle listu do Aleksandra hr. Wielopolskiego*, w: *Powstanie Styczniowe w regionie częstochowskim i województwie kaliskim (1863–1864)*, ed: M. Trąbski, N. Morawiec, R.W. Szwed, Częstochowa 2014, p. 21. – State Archives in Częstochowa, unit 58, death record No. 64/1894.

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