

KOHN Leopold Lazarus (1830–1901), bookseller, industrialist, city councillor, social activist. He was born on 1st January 1830.

Kohn ran a bookshop in Częstochowa (on ul. Panny Maryi). He opened it under the name of → Daniel Neufeld, whose son-in-law he was. In 1865, together with → Moritz Arbus, he opened a photography store. Under the name L. Kohn, he ran a bookstore in Piotrków Trybunalski, opened by D. Neufeld in 1868. (After Neufeld's death in 1874, two other buyers retained the name "Kohn".) The Częstochowa bookstore was stocked with Polish and Russian books and a large selection of prayer-books (sold retail and wholesale). It was combined with a stationery store and lottery sales. According to an 1883 advertisement, the bookstore also offered "various games, toys and books for young people".

Circa 1869-1870, he ran one of the first "Kurier Warszawski" money exchanges. He ran the bookshop to at least 1889. In 1878, he began his activity as an industrialist. Together with → Henryk Markusfeld, he began manufacturing coloured paper. In 1898, he was co-owner (with → Ludwik Kohn, → Herman Ginsberg and H. Markusfeld) of the Paper, Cardboard Factory and Roller Mills.

For several years, he served as a city councillor and was a trustee of Jewish schools in Częstochowa. For many years, he cared for the *Talmud Torah* religious school. In February 1883, he was elected (together with → Karol Ginsberg and → Leon Oppenheim) to the synagogue supervision. He was a board member (vice-president) of the "Dobroczyńność" Charitable Society for Jews. From the 1870s, in the Kingdom of Poland, he supported the Society of Agricultural Settlements and Crafts Shelters, which organised correctional facilities for juvenile offenders and cared for them upon their release.

He died on 15th January 1901 in Wrocław. He was brought to Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery.

His wife was Rozalia née Neufeld, the daughter of → Daniel. They had three sons: → Gustaw, → Maksymilian and Józef (27th October 1871 Częstochowa–).

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