

KOHN Ludwik Lewek (1845–1918), industrialist, social activist. He was born on 4th November 1845, the son of → Bernard Berek and Ewa Jocheweta née Frenkel.

He received a general, secular education, after which he studied at the Economic Institute in Wrocław. He mastered several European languages.

In 1898, he was co-owner (together with Szymon Neuman, → Leopold Kohn, → Herman Ginsberg, → Jan Grosman and → Henryk Markusfeld) of the “Warta” Jute Spinning and Weaving Plant, as well as the Paper, Cardboard Factory and Mill. In 1909, he co-founded the Częstochowa Municipal Loan Society. He belonged to the Association of Polish Merchants.

He was active in the “Dobroczynność” Charitable Society for Jews (TDdŻ). Financially, he supported the management of the TDdŻ summer camps. From 1913, he also donated 234 rubles, to the gmina, in support of the Jewish Boys’ Elementary School. From the first half of 1915, he was obliged to pay a monthly tax to the Emergency Aid Committee.

He lived at ul. Krakowska 17 (19?). He died on 16th October 1918 in Częstochowa and was buried in the Jewish Cemetery.

His wife was Karolina Ruchla née Fajnkind/Feinkind (3rd June 1842 Warsaw – 29th October 1935 Częstochowa), the daughter of Mošek and Małka née Izrael who, following the death of her husband, became owner of the Paper, Cardboard Factory and Mill, in Częstochowa. They had two daughter and three sons - → Leopold Aluezer, → Maurycy Moryc and → Alfred.

Rędziński, *Szkolnictwo żydowskie*, p. 26. – *Przewodnik po Częstochowie 1909*, p. VIII (reklama zakładów). – “Gazeta Częstochowska” 1910, No. 58, p. 3, No. 107, p. 3, No. 120, p. 3; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1907, No. 6, p. 2, No. 133, p. 2, 1908, No. 175, p. 2, 1915, No. 128, p. 2, 1918, No. 146, p. 4, 1919, No. 190, p. 3, 1935, No. 252, p. 3 (re: wife). – “Ziemia Częstochowska”, t. IV, 1961, p. 129. – USC, 1918, death record No. 386, k. 97, 1935, No. 221, k. 116 (re: wife). – Materials (excerpts from registers) in the ODDC collections.

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