

KOLIN (until 1933 KOHN and KON, later KON-KOLIN, then KOLIN) Stefan (1884–1948), doctor, clinic owner, hospital head, Polish Army officer, social activist. He was born on 10th January 1884 in Nasielsk, the son of → Edward Kohn and Augusta née Prentki, the brother of → Wacław Konar and → Norbert Kon.

He graduated from the Russian Boys' Gimnazjum in Częstochowa and then studied medicine at the Russian University of Warsaw. As a student, he belonged to the "Spójnia" patriotic association. In 1905, he was expelled from the university for participating in the fight for a Polish school. In 1908, he graduated in medicine from the University of Wrocław, and then passed the state examination in Charków.

In private practice, he worked as a midwife-gynaecologist, his offices located at II Aleja 31. In 1912-1914, together with Dr Stanisław Nowak, he ran a gynaecology-obstetrics clinic at ul. Teatralna 14 (Kościuszki). On 14th November 1918, in Częstochowa, he volunteered to join the Polish Army, He served with the rank of Doctor Captain in the 26th Infantry Regiment, 7th pap [?] and the 53rd Kresy Rifleman's Infantry Regiment. He served in the war against the Bolsheviks.

In 1913-1939, he headed the Gynaecological Department of the "Dobroczytność" Charitable Society for Jews (TDdŻ) Hospital. From 1923, he was also a doctor and leader of the Society for the Protection of the Health of the Jewish Population (TOZ). There, from 1936, he managed a clinic for pregnant women. From the second half of the 1920s, he sat on the board of the Częstochowa branch of TOZ. In 1925, he was a co-organiser and, from 1926, vice-president of the Częstochowa Anti-Tuberculosis Society. On behalf of the Częstochowa branch of the Warsaw Hygiene Society and also TOZ, he gave lectures in health protection. He served as president of TOZ and a board member of Częstochowa Medical Association (TLCz). In the 1930s, he sat on the board of the "Dobroczytność" Charitable Society for Jews (TDdŻ).

He belonged to the boards of the State Air Defence League and the Federation of Polish Unions of Homeland Defenders. He was honorary president of the Częstochowa branch of the Association of Jewish Participants in the Fights for Poland's Independence. Together with P. Szmulewicz, he co-authored texts in *Czenstochower Yidn* (New York 1947).

After 1945 (?), he left for Paris, where he lived with his sister Jadwiga, who was married to Eugeniusz Zak. He died at the end of September 1948 in Paris.

His wife was Erna née Tempel (1890-) who, during World War I, was active in the No.2 kitchen of the Jewish section of Emergency Aid. In the 1930s, in Ostrowice (Blachownia), she ran a summer camp for TOZ in Częstochowa. They had a daughter, Helena Lila (1923-).

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