

KOPIŃSKI Leon Lejb (1885–1943), trader, Zionist, social and education activist. He was born on 20th December 1885 in Częstochowa, the son of Wolf, a member of the “Dobroczynność” Charitable Society for Jews, and Gołda.

He ran a timber yard in Zawodzie in Częstochowa. In 1913, he was co-publisher of the journal “*Czenstochower Blat*” and, later, editor of “*Dos Naje Wort*”. In 1908, he was one of the founders of the Jewish drama club. He was later active in the Częstochowa “Lira” Music and Literary Society where, in 1909, he served on the board.

He was active in education activities in support of the Częstochowa Jewish community. He was a board member of Hebrew Courses Association. In 1917, he was one of the co-founders of the Jewish Gimnazjum. In 1921, he was also one of the founders of the Jewish Secondary Schools Association.

He lived at I Aleja 9. During the German occupation, he headed the Council of Elders (*Judenrat*). He was murdered on 20th March 1943, at the Jewish cemetery, in the mass execution of Jewish intelligentsia.

In his marriage with Augusta née Winter (1884 Kraków-), he had two sons - Jerzy (1911 Częstochowa-) and Władysław (1925 Częstochowa-).

Grządzielski, *Stowarzyszenia i związki*, p. 37; Mizgalski, *Tożsamość polityczna*, p. 268; Pawlina-Meducka, *Kultura Żydów*, p. 104 (here “Kapiński”), 131. – “Gazeta Częstochowska” 1909, No. 136, p. 9, No. 161, p. 2; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1917, No. 150, p. 2. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, pp. 259, 299. – Materials (extracts from civil registers) in the ODDC collections.

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