

KREMSKI Herman Hercka (1881–1942), co-owner of a baths. He was born on 5th May 1881 in Częstochowa, the son of Natan Nuchem (2nd March 1843 Częstochowa-) and Cypra née Rotner (1844 Częstochowa-). His father was a merchant, the owner of a baths and real estate in Częstochowa (at the ending of the 19th century, renting them to the Russian army).

Kremski, together with his brother Zanwel, ran the “Kremski Brothers Baths” in Częstochowa. The business was established by Natan Kremski, in 1881, on ul. Tylna (later, ul. Mikołajewska, from 1916, ul. Strażacka and then, ul. Katedralna). It comprised a steam bath, tiled, marble, copper baths and showerp. Kremski and his brother ran it until 1939. (The baths operated for some time after 1945.)

During the German occupation, they were forced to move into the Częstochowa ghetto. During the liquidation of the ghetto in September and October 1942, together with their wives, they were deported to the Treblinka extermination camp. A symbolic inscription (dedicated to him and members of his family) can be found on a grave in the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery (grave No. 2049 I).

In 1905, he married Franciszka Fryda Frajdla née Hassenfeld (13th April 1888 Częstochowa-1942), the daughter of Josek and Gitla née Ebersman. Their sons were:

- Jan Jakub (25th July 1907 Częstochowa - 1973), who was a student at the industrial school Bielsko (Bielsko-Biała). He graduated from the textile school in Lille (France). During the German occupation, together with his wife, he hid in Warsaw,
- Norbert Leon (1913–1942), graduated from the R. Traugutt State Gimnazjum in Częstochowa (1933). He later studied in the Law Faculty of the University of Warsaw and, before 1939, began his legal apprenticeship in Częstochowa. During the German occupation, he belonged to the Jewish Fighting Organisation (ŻOB). He perished fighting the Germans in the Częstochowa ghetto. (According to another version, he was murdered in Treblinka.)

Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 273 (re: his wife and son), 403. – Madej, *Garnizon rosyjski*, p. 354; “*Traugutt*”, pp. 74, 233 (re: son, Norbert). – “*Goniec Częstochowski*” 1914, No. 268, p. 2, 1920. No. 204, p. 3 (re. brother), “*Nasz Świat*” 1958, No. 1, p. 17; “*Nowy Express Częstochowski*” 1926, No. 38, p. 2. – *Rocznik częstochowski. Kalendarz 1903*, p. XXVI (re: Natan Kremski). – APCz, unit No. 1, ref. 8843 (list of conscripts 1907, re: son Jakub); AP Kielce, Urząd Wojewódzki Kielecki II 305/3310, p. 34. – Reports by Marian Hassenfeld (from the collections of Anna Goldman of Częstochowa, copies in the ODDC).

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