

LAPIDES (LAPIDUS) HenoCh (Chenich), (circa 1871-1937), bookbinder, bookseller, social activist. He established a family in 1894 and, in that same year, moved to Częstochowa.

He sold Jewish books, main prayer books, religious literature and devotional articles. His bookshop was located at Stary Rynek 24, adjacent to the store of his greatest competitor, → Emanuel Bajgełe. It played an important role in creating culture amongst circles of Częstochowa Jews, particularly during the first period of its existence. The bookstore had an assured market. Prices were fixed and customers were chased after by lowering prices.

Lapides was not a wealthy man, but he participated in communal life. He was one of the founders of *Hachnasat Orchim* [Hospitality to Travellers] at ul Garncarska 67, where he worked for nearly forty years and was a long-time board member. He was one of the founders of the *Bejs Lechem* society. He belonged to *Brit He'Chayal* and the Union of Jewish Reservists, established by the Revisionist Zionists.

He died in February 1937 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local cemetery (grave No. 26 II). The grave no longer exists.

His first wife was Fajgla Laja née Jarzabek (1874 Kłobuck [?] – 8th August 1906 Częstochowa), the daughter of Mordechaj Majer and Marianna. She died in childbirth and was buried in the Częstochowa cemetery (grave No.171A II). They had two sons - Fajwel (20th December 1894 Częstochowa –) and Simcha Eliaz, who died when three months old (27th October 1906 Częstochowa).

His second wife was Frymeta née Rozenberg (circa 1888 Pławno -), the daughter of Wolf and Sura née Dykierman (married 1906 Częstochowa). They had several children, among them Icek and Zew Wolf.

Orenstein, *Churban Czenstochow*, pp. 376, 377. "Częstochower Cajtung" 1927, No. 22, p. 3; 1937, No. 10, p. 1 and 6. – APCz, z. 58, birth record No. 394/1894, death records No. 158/1906 and No. 220/1906.

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