

LEDERMAN Mojżesz Moszek Hersz (1895-1964), craftsman, political and cultural activist. He was born on 15th October 1895 in Częstochowa, the son of Szymon, a shoemaker, and Sura Estera née Rozenberg.

He had an elementary education and ran a shoemaking workshop in Częstochowa. He lived at ul. Piłsudskiego 17. He was politically active. In the 1920s and 1930s, together with Rafał Federman, he belonged to the leadership of the Bund All-Jewish Labour Union in Częstochowa. For some time, he served as its president.

In 1919, representing the Bund, he stood for election to the Sejm – without success. In the 1927 elections to the Częstochowa City Council, again representing the Bund, he stood for election and was successful. On the City Council, he was a member of the Culture and Arts Committee. At the beginning of 1929, he resigned as a councillor due to the fact that he was overburdened with party work. He was replaced by → Aron Peretz.

During the German occupation, in 1941, he was forced to live inside the ghetto. He was arrested by the Germans and taken to the Auschwitz camp. He survived the camp and, in 1945, he returned to Częstochowa. Until 1948, he continued to be active in the Bund. For many years, he served on the board (as secretary) of the Częstochowa branch of the Social-Cultural Association of Jews in Poland (TSKŻ), whose offices were located at ul. Jasnogórska 36. He was chairman of the TSKŻ's Culture and Education Committee. He was also a guardian of the Janusz Korczak Children's and Youth Club. He belonged to the Union of Fighters for Freedom and Democracy.

He lived at ul. Pałczyńskiego (Focha) 8/9. He died on 20th February 1964 in Częstochowa and was buried in the Jewish cemetery (grave No. 1383 I). He was awarded the Gold Cross of Merit.

Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 145. – Szwed, *Radni miasta Częstochowy*, p. 50; R. Szwed, *Wybory do Sejmu Ustawodawczego II Rzeczypospolitej w okręgu częstochowskim*, in: *Częstochowa w pierwszych latach Polski odrodzonej*, ed. R. Szwed, J. Mizgalski, W. Palus, Częstochowa 1994, p. 19. – “Express Częstochowski” 1929, 1929, No. 64, p. 2; “Nowy Express Częstochowski” 1928, No. 64, p. 2; “Życie Częstochowy” 1964, No. 47, p. 6 (obituary). – APCz, AmCz 5412, p. 228, MagCz 5503, p. 318, 383, 384; USC Częstochowa, registers, death record No. 223/1964. – Materials (including civil registers) in the ODDC collections.