

LEWIN Mieczysław Majer (1895-1943), doctor, union activist. He was born on 21st April 1895 in Pabianice, the son of Bernard Berek (20th May 1862 Pabianice-), a merchant, owner of an exclusive Częstochowa store of materials and other items to furnish apartments (at I Aleja 14), TOZ charity activist. His mother was Machla née Breszel (16th December 1864 Częstochowa-).

Lewin graduated from the government Boys Gimnazjum Częstochowa, matriculating on 4th June 1913. From 1915, he studied in the Faculty of Medicine at the Jagiellonian University and, on 11th July 1925, gained his medical degree. He fought in the war with the Bolsheviks.

Lewin practised as a paediatrician in Częstochowa. (From 1928, he lived at ul. Kościuszki 17, later at al. Wolności 11). At the end of the 1930s, he treated patients at the Specialist Clinic of Doctors Bielunas, Kahl, Bukowski, Piltz and Lewin (at al. Wolności 18, apt.3). He was a board member (secretary) of the Częstochowa branch of the Polish State Doctors' Union. He belonged to the Circle of Doctors and Pharmacists Air Defence and Anti-Gas League in Częstochowa. He worked for the Polish Red Cross and belonged to its Częstochowa branch. He was a cheerful man, according to → Dr Bernard Torbeczka, "He liked satire, organising evenings of medical humour, at a high level".

As a reserve Second Lieutenant (promoted in 1919), he fought in 1939 in the war with the Germans. He was taken prisoner and held in a POW camp in Lamsdorf (Łambinowice). On 6th March 1940, he was released and returned to Częstochowa. In 1941, the Germans forced him to live in the local ghetto. Together with his wife, he was murdered on 20th March 1943 at the Częstochowa Jewish Cemetery in the mass execution of the Jewish intelligentsia. He rests in mass grave No. 28–31 III.

His wife was Eugenia née Szajn, the daughter of Izaak and Paulina née Wertchajm.

Corpus studiosorum K–Ł, p. 948; Gliński, *Słownik lekarzy i farmaceutów*, p. 227. – Wyględowski, *Chirurgia i chirurdzy*, p. 206. – "Częstochower Cajtung" 1928, No. 6, p. 5; "Goniec Częstochowski" 1909, No. 109, p. 4 (re: father), 1932, No. 260, p. 3, 1935, No. 36, p. 3. – PCK. *Sprawozdanie 1933*, p. 19; *Przewodnik po Wystawie 1909*, p. 26 (re: father); *Rocznik oficerski rezerw 1934*, p. 757; *Spis abonentów sieci telefonicznych 1939*, p. 52; *Sprawozdanie Towarzystwa Dobroczynności dla Żydów 1913* (re: father). – APCz, Starostwo Powiatowe Częstochowskie IV/803, k. 33 (list of doctors in 1932 in Częstochowa County).

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