

LEWKOWICZ (LEWKOWICZ-GNIESŁAW) Tadeusz Tanchum Tanchan (1892–1943), doctor, Polish Army officer, social activist. He was born on 2nd March 1892 in Częstochowa, the son of Mordka (1859 Działoszyn - 1923 Częstochowa), a merchant, house owner and Estera née Glaubert (1867–), brother of → Samuel.

He graduated from the government Boys Gimnazjum in Częstochowa, matriculating on 18th June 1912. He studied medicine at the University of Leipzig (for four semesters) and then at the Jagiellonian University. He received his medical degree on 14th May 1921. From July 1920 to January 1923, he served as a military doctor in the Polish Army. He was later demobilised – in the event of war, with the rank of lieutenant, he was assigned to the reserve staff of the 4th District Hospital.

As an ophthalmologist, he ran a private practice in Częstochowa. From the second half of 1924, he was a doctor at the “Dobroczyńność” Charitable Society for Jews Hospital in Zawodzie in Częstochowa. He volunteered for the Polish Red Cross and gave lectures and talks for parents and teachers. At the beginning of the 1930s, he lived at ul. Strażacka 9 (Katedralna) and, from 1925, at I Aleja 6.

Presumably, after the outbreak of war with Germany in September 1939, he found himself in Nowogródek. After the town was seized by the Soviet Army and, later, by German troops, until 1942, he worked in the County Hospital. In January 1943, he was arrested by the Germans. He and his wife are mentioned in the symbolic inscription on the tomb of Szpigelman and Inwald families (graves No. 454 and 455).

His wife was Helena née Inwald (1906 Będzin-).

Corpus studiosorum K–Ł, p. 952; Gliński, *Słownik biograficzny lekarzy*, vol. III, p. 199; Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 275. – Wyględowski, *Chirurgia i chirurdzy*, p. 204. – “Express Częstochowski” 1930, No. 125, p. 3; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1924, No. 145, p. 3, 1930, No. 86, p. 4, 1932, No. 260, p. 3, 1935, No. 219, p. 5, 1937, No. 252, p. 7. – *Rocznik oficerski rezerw 1934*, p. 757. – APCz, Starostwo Powiatowe Częstochowskie IV/803, register No. 33 (1932 list of doctors in the County of Częstochowa) – materials (incl. extracts from civil registers) in the ODDC collections.

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