

LITMAN (LEJTMAN) Majer Jojna (1860–1942). He was born in Moscow, the son of Zanwel. His father came from Radomsko. As a boy, he was enrolled in a Cantonist school and later in the Russian army, where he served for twenty-five years. After his military service, he had the right to settle, with his family, in the [Russian] Empire. However, he sent his son to his home-town where he had married in 1882.

In 1900, he settled in Częstochowa, where he lived until 1920. When he left for the USA. He very soon became connected with the Chassidic movement and became a follower of Chassidic leaders. For a long time, in Częstochowa, there was the *shames* of the *Tzaddik* Wigdor Szapiro. While at the *Tzaddik*'s court, he got to know well the poor strata of the community and became closer to them.

Upon his arrival in the USA, he settled in New York and joined the Young Men's Hebrew Association Synagogue [on the corner of] Fulton Avenue and 171th streets, where he became *shames* until the end of his life. Here, too, he helped the poor and this activity and his piety made him immensely popular in that part of the Bronx.

He also did not forget those in need in Częstochowa. He remained in constant contact with Rabbi → Nachum Asz, the Jewish Hospital, *Linas Hatzedek*, *Beis Lechem* and the *Machzyke Hadas* Talmud Torah. To aid these institutions, he collected funds from his children, from friends and from acquaintances, as well as from other Jews – Lithuanian, Russian and Galician, whom he tried to take an interest in the people of Częstochowa, who were in need. He also collected clothes and shoes, which he sent in parcels to Częstochowa.

He died on 17th November 1942.

His wife was Bajla née Kałka. They had eight children – four daughters and four sons.

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