

NAJMAN Gustaw Gerson (1874-1942), department store owner, member of financial societies, social activist. Born on 5th October (according to another version 25th October) 1874 in Częstochowa, the son of Mojżesz (-1927 Częstochowa) and Szprynca née Blumenfeld.

He ran a department store at ul. Dojazd 5 (Piłsudskiego). He was a member of the loans committee of the Częstochowa Mutual Loan Society. He was a member of the council and board of the Częstochowa Co-operative Bank.

He was a charity and social activist, a member of the "Dobroczytność" Charitable Society for Jews. In the second half of the 1930s, he sat on the Building Committee of the Jewish Gimnazjum.

He lived at ul. Katedralna 9. During the liquidation of the Częstochowa ghetto (September-October 1942), he was deported to the extermination camp in Treblinka and was murdered there.

His wife was Rozalia née Starke (1878 Sieradz-), the daughter of Adam and Anna née Monic, the sister of → Józef Starke. They had six children four daughters and two sons:

- Leontyna, married surname Włodowska (23rd December 1900 Częstochowa - 1942 Treblinka),
- Felicja, married surname Appel (27th August 1904 Częstochowa – 1st November 1942 Auschwitz),
- Czesława, married surname Cwajbaum (9th January 1911 Częstochowa – 1942? Treblinka),
- Roma (-20th January 1921 Częstochowa),
- Ludwik Lew (13th December 1906 Częstochowa-) who, during the occupation, lived in Białystok. He perished in the Soviet Union (Komi Republic),
- Adam (5th October 1902 Częstochowa-) who, after 1945, lived in Sweden.

„Częstochower Cajtung” 1927, No. 7, p. 6; „Nasz Głos Powszechny” 1936, No. 3, p. 4. – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, p. 187, 268, 310; *Sprawozdanie Towarzystwa Dobroczytności dla Żydów 1913*, p. 5, 19; – JW 1416425. – Materials (extracts from civil registers) in the ODDC collections.

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