

RATTNER (RATNER) Paweł Pinkus (1855–1924), engineer, company director, Jewish *gmina* activist, social activist. He was born 14th March 1855 in Grodno, the son of Chaskiel.

He graduated in technical studies and was a technological engineer. Prior to 1910, he came to Częstochowa from Russia. He became managing director of the “Wulcan” Iron Foundry and Enamelling Plant at ul. Teatralna 5 (Kościuszki). Later, he became director of the “Metalurgia” Foundry and Enamelling Plant.

Until the early 1920s, he served as president of the Board and Council of the 2nd Częstochowa Craftsmen’s Savings and Loan Society. Together with Jan Kirsztrot and → Henryk Markusfeld, he founded the *Resursa Rzemieślnicza* for Jews, serving as its first chairman. During World War I, he served on the board of the Craftsmen’s Club.

He was the founder and first president of the Hebrew Courses Association. In 1915, representing the Jewish Popular Bakery Council, he sat on the Jewish section of the Emergency Aid [Committee]. He served on the board of “Linat Ha’Tzedek” Society to Aid Poor and Sick Jews and of “Dobroczynność” Charitable Society for Jews. He was a member of the Welfare Council of the Crafts School for Jews and of the Horticultural Farm for Jews. In 1921, he co-founded the Jewish High Schools Association in Częstochowa. He sat on the local Jewish community council. He was also active in the field of culture, being a board member (from 1910 vice-president) of the “Lira” Musical-Literary Society at ul. Teatralna (Kościuszki) 3b.

He died on 3rd November 1924 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery (Grave No. 1064 II).

Rattner had a wife, Ita Liba née Ratner (-1926 Moscow) and children, among whom was a son.

Urbanowicz, *Rzemiosło*, p. 229. – “Częstochower Cajtung” 1926, No. 51, p. 1, 3; “Express Częstochowski” 1928, No. 179, p. 3; “Gazeta Częstochowska” 1909, No. 136, p. 8, 1910, No. 103, p. 2; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1910, No. 8, p. 3, 1914, No. 119, p. 1, 1915, No. 209, p. 2, 1924, No. 253, p. 2 (obituary). – *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, pp. 189, 292, 296, p. 19 (advertisement); *Towarzystwo Dobroczynności dla Żydów. Sprawozdanie 1913*; “Rzemieślnik Żydowski” (one-off issue), p. II. – USC Częstochowa, death record No. 218/1924.

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