ROTHOLC Icie (Icek) Lejb (1838-1929), known as “Porper”. Craftsman, social activist. He was born in Częstochowa, the son of Abram and Bina née Abramowicz.

Initially, Rotholc worked as a jeweller. He was also engaged in charitable activities. In 1874, together with the city cantor → Rafał Jankiel Londyński and the baker Jeszaje Goldberg, he established the Hachnasat Orchim brotherhood and minyan (at ul. Garncarska 7). Over time, he closed his goldsmith’s workshop and began working as an administrator with the “Dobroczynność” Charitable Society for Jews (TDdŻ). There, he became the right arm of → Henryk Markusfeld. He, himself, was not a wealthy person. He was active in various charitable institutions, including the Home for the Elderly and Orphans. In the TDdŻ Hospital, he established a minyan and provided support to the sick.

He lived at ul. Mostowa 17.

During the last period of his life, he and his wife lay sick, abandoned by all. After an appeal in the press, their daughter Ewa took them into her apartment – at ul. Narutowicza 10 (Krakowska) – where he died on 4th August 1929. He is buried in the local Jewish cemetery (grave No. 804 II), together with his wife. In his will, he bequeathed his bed and bedding to the Hachnasat Orchim shelter.

His wife was Kajla Rajzla née Sztos (13th November 1850 Częstochowa – 7th May 1932 Częstochowa). They had two daughters:

- Ewa Chawa (17th February 1868 Częstochowa-), married to Lipman Essig
- Tauba Laja (19th August 1872 Częstochowa - 1942?), married to Abram Wajsbart. She probably perished in Treblinka.


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