

**RUSS** Józef (1851–1939), doctor, social worker. He was born on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1851 in Częstochowa, the son of Iser and Jachela née Brandes.

He graduated in medicine at the University of Warsaw, gaining his diploma on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1878. After graduation, he became a military doctor in the Russian Army. He took part in the Russian-Turkish campaign with the rank of Captain Doctor. At the beginning of the 1880's, he left the army and completed further medical studies at the University of Vienna.

In 1887, he returned to Częstochowa, living at Nowy Rynek 11 (pl. Daszyńskiego). Later, he moved to a tenement at I Aleja 4, where he ran his private practice.

In 1896, he belonged to the School Committee which led to the opening of the private Talmud Torah on ul. Garncarska. From that same year, he made regular donations of eighth rubles towards the Jewish Boys Elementary School. In 1912-1914, he was a member of the Częstochowa Sanitary Commission. Following the outbreak of war in 1914, representing the Emergency Aid Committee, without charge, he treated the poorest inhabitants of Częstochowa. He continued to live at I Aleja 4). In 1915, he was a board member of the Popular Bakery.

From the beginning of the 1920s to the mid-1930s, he worked as a doctor for the Częstochowa District Health Fund. (He treated patients in Zawodzie.) He also ran a private practice.

He was active communally. He was a board member of the Mina Werde Home for Orphans and the Elderly. He worked as a doctor for the "Dobroczytność" Charitable Society for Jews. He was interested in history and linguistics and maintained contact with the editorial staff of "Gońiec Częstochowski" ("despite the different religion", as noted in a posthumous memoir).

He died on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1939 in Częstochowa and was buried in the Jewish cemetery.

His wife was Teresa née Lewi (1860 Warszawa–).

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**Juliusz Sękowski**