

SZPIGIEL Henryk Hersz Fiszel (1854-1904) doctor, social activist, publicist. He was born in Kamienica Polska, the son of Leopold Lejbuś (circa 1825 - 1874) from Widawa and Joanna Hendla née Kreutzberg (circa 1823-1894).

He graduated in medicine at the Russian University of Warsaw, gaining his medical diploma on 18th February 1881. He ran a private medical practice in Częstochowa. As a factory doctor, he worked at the “Warta” Jute Spinning & Weaving Plant.

He belonged to the board of the “Dobroczynność” Charitable Society for Jews in Częstochowa and, in 1902, served as vice-president. From 1900 (after the death of → Leopold Kohn), he took care of the Talmud Torah religious school. He was the author of a chapter on Jewish institutions in Częstochowa for the *1903 Częstochowa Yearbook* (Częstochowa 1903).

He died on 27th January 1904 in Częstochowa and was buried in the Old Jewish Cemetery in Częstochowa, not far from the grave of Abram Werde (No. 1342 II).

His wife was Rozalia Ruchla née Szwarcsztajn (1st June 1862 Warsaw-), the daughter of Abram and Chana née Wartanc. They had a son, Wacław Leopold (7th September 1891 Częstochowa – 15th April 1913 Warsaw).

Wyględowski, *Almanach lekarzy*, p. 333; Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, p. 220 (re parents). – Sobalski, *Przemysł częstochowski*, p. 290. – *Pamiętna książka petrowskiej gubernii na rok 1904*, Piotrków [1903?], pp. 293, 294; *Rocznik częstochowski. Kalendarz 1903*, p. 91, 94, 97. – „Nad Wartą” (supplement to “Gazeta Częstochowska”) 1989, No. 10, p. 8. – APCz, Jewish civil registers, 1854, birth record No. 55, 1904, death record No. 10.

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