

TEMPEL Ludwik Lejbuś Lewek (1857–1921), merchant, city councillor, court juror, social and charity activist. He was born in Częstochowa, the son of Wolf (1833-1892 Częstochowa), shop owner, and Augusta Gustawa Gitla née Henig.

Tempel ran an expeditionary-commission agency in Częstochowa (at II Aleja 33) and in Herby, where he handled all customs and expeditionary operations in the border cell. Together with Hipolit and Izydor Tempel, he was a board member of the Northern Transport and Expeditionary Joint Stock Company in Częstochowa.

He sat on the board, as treasurer, of the Częstochowa branch of the Association of Polish Merchants. In August 1916, he was a member of the executive at a property owners' meeting called regarding taxes imposed by the German authorities. He was then elected to represent the owners of buildings on the right-hand side of the II Aleja and the streets Teatralna (al. Kościuszki and al. Wolności), Mickiewicza and others. Later, he was co-organiser and, for some time, chairman of the Association of Property Owners.

In 1917, in district elections, he successfully entered the Częstochowa City Council. He was a member of the Finance-Budget Commission, the Food Commission, (He was involved in the purchasing of goods. In July 1918, he resigned from this commission.) and of the War Profits Tax Commission. On behalf of the City Council, he represented Częstochowa at the 1st Congress of Representatives of Kingdom of Poland Cities (19th-21st November 1917 in Warsaw). In 1920, he stood for election as a city juror (a member of the Częstochowa municipal authority).

He was active in charity. He belonged to the boards of the Mina Werde Home for the Aged and Orphans, the "Dobroczytność" Charitable Society for Jews (TDdŻ) (he was a member of the support and loans commission there), as well as the TDdŻ Hospital, which he supported financially. In 1913, together with his wife, he donated 2,000 rubles. During World War I, he supported the kitchens of Jewish Emergency Aid - he funded 300 meals for the opening of the No. 2 Kitchen on 2nd December 1916. In 1920, during the war with the Bolsheviks, he paid 1,500 marks to the Committee to Aid the Polish Soldier (operating through the Częstochowa Jewish Community Council).

From 1906, he belonged to the Society for Spreading Knowledge and was also active in the "Lira" Musical-Literary Society, where he served on the board (as treasurer and, in 1910, as vice-president).

Tempel lived at II Aleja 33. He owned the property at III Aleja 75. (He was the owner of the rotunda built there, in which panorama paintings were displayed there, including *Męki Pańskiej*. From circa 1907, it operated as the “Panorama” cinema.)

He died on 23rd (?) September 1921 in Częstochowa and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery.

Tempel was married twice. His first wife was Nacha née Tenenbaum, a charity activist who, during World War I, worked as a volunteer in the kitchens of the Jewish section of Emergency Aid. She was a board member of the Mina Werde Home for the Aged and Orphans, as well as the Shelter for Girls on ul. Fabryczna. They had two sons - Aleksander Henryk (1885 Częstochowa-) and Hipolit (1892 Częstochowa-), and engineer who, at the end of the 1920s and beginning of the 1930s, ran the Częstochowa branch of the Northern Transport and Expeditionary P.A. From the second half of the 1930s, he was also a deputy board member of the Association of Częstochowa Industrialists.

Tempel again married, this time to Szajndla née Kupczyk, who came from Wieruszów.

Księga Pamiątkowa I Zjazdu Przedstawicieli Miast Królestwa Polskiego, Warszawa 1918, p. 239. – *Przewodnik po Wystawie Przemysłu i Rolnictwa*, p. 30. – Grzędzielski, *Stowarzyszenia i związki*, p. 39; Malko, *Życie muzyczne*, p. 84. – “Express Częstochowski” 1929, No. 154, p. 4 (also re: Hipolit), 1930, No. 64, p. 6; “Gazeta Częstochowska” 1909, No. 136, p. 8, 9; “Goniec Częstochowski” 1909, No. 136, p. 9, No. 161, p. 2, 1910, No. 35, p. 3, No. 103, p. 2, No. 147, p. 2, 1916, No. 196, p. 3, No. 287, p. 2 (also about his wife, Nacha), 1917, No. 15, p. 4, No. 217, p. 4, 1918, No. 9, p. 3, No. 143, p. 4, 1920, No. 30, p. 3, No. 204, p. 3, 1921, No. 210, p. 3, 4 (nekrolog); “*Jasne, że Częstochowa*” 2015, No. 38 (G. Czepiczek) p. 25. – *Informator 1889*, p. 46 J (re: father); *Handlowiec. Kalendarz 1914*, pp. 16, 203, 289, 291 (re: wife Nacha); *Rocznik adresowy 1901*, No. 456; *Sprawozdanie Tow. Przemysłowców za 1935/36*, p. 23. – APCz, MagCz 4998, 5011, k. 6, 8, unit No. 58 (birth record No. 16). – USC Częstochowa, 1921, death record No. 237. – genealogical materials (regarding the Tempel family) in the ODDC collections.

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