

TENDLER Rubin, actually Moszek Rubin (1840-1921), industrialist, social and charity activist. He was born in Pilica, the son of Izak Icyk and Henka née Bankier.

From 1883, Tendler was the owner of the Tendler and Son Haberdashery Factory at ul. Ogrodowa 4. (Later, it became the Photographic Albums, Postcards and Attache Case Factory.) He owned the firm until 1913.

He was initially a Chassid. However, he soon became an ardent supporter of the Jewish “enlightenment” emanating from Germany and supported this “Germanisation”. Others modelled themselves on him, especially → Karol Ginsberg, senior in the Częstochowa synagogue supervision in 1888-1891. Tendler was the main motivator of change (including the German language as the language of instruction in the *gmina’s* Talmud Torah), which Ginsberg was unsuccessful in persuading the local Jews to accept.

Tendler returned to his reforming and Germanisation ideas during his leadership of the *Talmud Torah* from November 1904 to August 1905. Faced with the protest of teachers and the decision of the commission called by the Jewish Community Council, that German had to be withdrawn from the school, he resigned from the *Talmud Torah* leadership. However, after October 1906, he returned to his concepts. His actions contributed to the dismissal of all the teachers and the closure of the school in April 1907.

He was a member of the “Dobroczytność” Charitable Society for Jews.

He died on 24th January 1921 in Częstochowa (at ul. Ogrodowa 4) and was buried in the local Jewish cemetery (grave No. 781 II).

In 1859, in Częstochowa, he married Sura Minka née Częstochowska (1842 Częstochowa - 1930). They had five children [three sons and two daughters]:

- Samuel? (1863 Częstochowa-)
- Chaim (1865 Częstochowa - 1867 Częstochowa)
- Izaak (1872 Częstochowa-)
- Helena (13th May 1868 Częstochowa-), married to Lewek Częstochowski, a merchant
- Leonora (1869 Częstochowa–), married to Fałek Siemiatycki.

Czech, *Kalendarium przemysłu*, p. 86; Paszkowski, *Cmentarz żydowski*, vol. I, p. 232. – *Rocznik częstochowski. Kalendarz 1903*, p. 94; *Sprawozdanie Towarzystwa Dobroczytności dla Żydów 1913*, p. 6. – “Goniec Częstochowski” 1907, No. 153, p. 2; No. 160, p. 4, No. 168, p. 6, No. 173,

p. 3 i 4; "Częstochower Cajtung" 1930, No. 31, p. 1. – USC Częstochowa, death record No. 19/1921. – Materials (extracts from civil registers) in the ODDC collection.

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