

**WAJNSZTOK** (WEINSTOK) Leon Lejb (1904-1942?), teacher, school principal, sports, sightseeing and cultural activist. He was born on 17<sup>th</sup> May 1904 in Częstochowa, the son of Icyk Jonasz and Alta Nacha née Zygmuntowicz, the brother of → Zofia Wajnsztok.

In 1924, he graduated from the R. Traugutt No.2 State Gimnazjum in Częstochowa and, in 1927, he graduated, with honours, from the Philosophy Faculty of the Sorbonne in Paris.

He returned to Częstochowa, where he gave private French lessons. He also wrote applications in that language. He became a French language teacher at the private elementary school run by his older sister Zofia (at ul. Piłsudskiego 13).

From 1928, he launched foreign-language evening classes in the building of the school of which he was principal. In the early 1930s, the school and the courses moved to a building at Aleja 20. Following the death of his sister in 1935, Leon Wajnsztok took over as school principal and ran it until the outbreak of World War II.

In Częstochowa, including at the beginning of the occupation, he lived at Aleja 20. In the ghetto, he lived at ul. Krakowska 6.

He was involved in sightseeing and sports activities. In July 1929, he was co-founder and, until 1930, was a board member (secretary) of the Częstochowa branch of the Jewish Sightseeing Society. From the second half of the 1930s, he was a board member (secretary) of the "Makabi" Jewish Gymnastics-Sports Association, managing the clubs boxing section. In July 1936, he joined a commission to create a boxing district in Częstochowa. In 1935, he was president of the "Lira" Song and Music Lovers Society.

He probably perished during the deportations to Treblinka (in September-October 1942).

On 21<sup>st</sup> July 1941), he married Chaja née Warszauer (27<sup>th</sup> January 1919 Radom - 1942?), the daughter of Jankiel and Ruchla née Frajdenrajch. They had a daughter Zofia (1<sup>st</sup> June 1942 - 1942?).

Sętowski, *Żydowskie Towarzystwo Krajoznawcze*, p. 59; Malko, *Życie muzyczne*, p. 305. – "Częstochower Cajtung" 1927, No. 34, p. 6; 1928, No. 15, p. 6; "Express Częstochowski" 1929, No. 160, p. 3; "Nasz Głos Powszechny" 1936, No. 1, p. 3, No. 5, p. 3. – telephone subscribers list 1939, p. 55. – "Szkołnictwo m. Częstochowy 1939–1941" (manuscript in the Częstochowa

Museum collection). – USC, marriage record No. 162/1942 (delayed), birth record No. 111/1942.

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