

Noted Citizens of Piotrkow

- **ALEKSANDROVITCH**, Fishel

built second Bet Hamidrash in Piotrkow in 1882.

- **BARON**, Jacob

editor of the weekly publication *Undzer Tsaytung*, from 1924; co-founder of a theater group in 1928.

- **BELCHATOWSKI**, Shlomo

published sole issue of the newspaper, *Piotrkower Shtime*, in 1914.

- **BERLINER**, Jacob

became a city councilor in 1934.

- **BERNARD**, Dr. Hayim David (1758-1858)

physician, Tzadik, Chassidic leader; born in Dzialoszyce; follower of the seer of Lublin (Rabbi Jacob ha-Levi HOROWITZ); he may be the son of poet and physician, Issachar Falkensohn BEHR; descendants are survivors and brothers Saul and Robert DESSAU.

- **BUDKOWSKI**, Berl

only Jew to be accepted in the Piotrkow police force, in 1917.

- **BRAUN**, Marcus

member of a citizen's committee formed at the start of World War I.

- **CEDERBAUM** Family

printers in Piotrkow. [Click here](#) to see the title page of *Degel Machaneh Ephraim* published by Mordechai Cederbaum in 1912. (courtesy: Paul W. Ginsburg & the Sudilkov Online Landsmanshaft)

- **DEUTCH-GOLDSTEIN**, Chaim

teacher in the late 18th century; assumed the position of Kehila secretary in 1811, following the death of Tovya NEWMAN.

- **DOKTOR**, Laybl

physician in the late 18th century.

- **EIBESZYC (AIBESHITZ)**, Family

philanthropists in Piotrkow, supporters of educational institutions.

- **FAJTOWICZ**, Mojzesz (1767-1837)

moved to Lodz in 1800 and helped establish the Jewish community there.

- **FEINKIND**, Moshe)

published the sole issue of the newspaper Piotrkower Shtime, in 1914.

- **FRIEDLANDER**, David

decorated the Piotrkow synagogue at the beginning of the 19th century with a huge mural of Jerusalem;
the painting was destroyed during WWII.

- **GREENSPAN**, David

David, elder in the sheet metal Worker's Guild, established in 1927.

- **HEILPERIN**, Michael (1823-1888)

left Piotrkow in the 1842 for the freedom struggles in Hungary (1848) and America (1858), where he died in 1888.

- **HELFGOTT**, Ben (b. 1929)

survivor of the Piotrkow ghetto, founder of the '45 Aid Society for Holocaust Survivors'.

- **HOROWICZ**, Family

philanthropists in Piotrkow, supporters of educational institutions; one member was Pinchas HOROWICZ (HOROWITZ).

- **HOROVITCH**, Menachem

co-founder of a theater group in 1928.

- **JOACHIMSON**, Dr. [unk.]

head of the Bikur Cholim from 1805.

- **KAMINER**, [unk.]

member of a citizen's committee formed at the start of World War I.

- **KATZIN**, Moyshe

helped finance the construction of the Piotrkower Shul in 1791.

- **KIMELMAN**, Yechiel

led the Bundist self-defense in 1906; died in prison in 1907.

- **KON**, Mikolay

(son-in-law of Max BRAUN), member of a citizen's committee formed at the start of World War I.

- **LAU, Rabbi Yisrael Meir**

Israel's chief rabbi; as a young child experienced the Holocaust in the Piotrkow ghetto, the Czestochowa work camp and the Buchenwald concentration camp, from which he was liberated;
son of Rabbi Moshe Chaim LAU (last chief rabbi of Piotrkow), brother of Naftali LAU-LAVIE; see, [*I Believe \("Ani Maamin"\)*](#), Rabbi Lau's recollection of his life as a child in the Nazi hell, and *The Polish Connection* by Haim Shapiro.

- **LAU-LAVIE, Naftali**

Holocaust survivor, distinguished journalist, diplomat and advisor to Moshe Dayan, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir; Israeli ambassador to the U.S.; son of Rabbi Moshe Chaim LAU (last chief rabbi of Piotrkow), brother of Rabbi Yisrael Meir LAU.

- **LEIPUNER, Dr. Abraham (d. 1926)**

physician

- **LENSHITSKY, Motel**

co-founder of a theater group in 1928.

- **LEVIT, Izak**

co-founder of a treasury to aid young men in getting married.

- **LEVY, Gustave**

lawyer; established philanthropic organization Chevra Latzedakah ("Dobroczynosc") in 1894, which aids both Jewish and non-Jewish poor families.

- **LIFSHITZ (LIPSZYC) , Family**

philanthropists in Piotrkow, supporters of educational institutions.

- **LUBLINER, Dr. Michael**

one of the Tseirey Agudat Israel in Piotrkow; father of Dr. Yakov.

- **LUBLINER, Dr. Yakov (Kovi)**

well-known scientist, mathematician

- **MALTZ, I.**

city councilman during inter-war period.

- **MEIRAND, Marcus**

co-founder of a treasury to aid young men in getting married.

- **MINDL**, "Maskil" Shmuel Aba
from Riga; established a private Yiddish shul in 1888.
- **NEIFELD**, David
settled in Piotrkow and opened a bookstore in 1868;
formerly publisher of the first Jewish weekly newspaper in Polish, Jutrzenka
- **PANSKY**, Adolf
co-founder of a treasury to aid young men in getting married.
- **PANSKY**, Eliahu
established a print shop in 1899-1900.
- **PINKUSEWICZ**, Abraham Reuven ("Pinkus")
hospital administrator
- **RAPPOPORT**, Shmelke (Shlomo)
teacher in the late 18th century; Kehila intercessor and translator; wife, Hinda.
- **REITBERGER**, Gershon
co-founder of a treasury to aid young men in getting married.
- **ROSE**, Ernestine Louise (née POTOWSKI) (1810-1892)
born in Piotrkow, died in England; daughter of a rabbi; social activist and equal rights pioneer in the United States; founded the National Woman Suffrage Association with Susan B. Anthony. click [to read](#) a brief bio of Ernestine Rose.
- **ROSENBLATT**, Joseph Berish
editor of the weekly publication Undzer Tsaytung from 1924.
- **SHERESHEWSKI (Szereszewski)**, Leon
appointed commissar over the Kehila in 1936, after it was dissolved amid political strife.
- **SHERESHEWSKI (Szereszewski)**, Moshe
first official Zionist to settle in Piotrkow, in 1880.
- **SHLOSSBERG**, Menachem Mendl
builder of a large factory on the Bugai River in 1895, with his son-in-law Anatole FRUMKIN;
employed many Jewish and non-Jewish workers.
- **SZTERNFELD**, Professor Arie (1905-1980)

mathematician, wrote "Introduction to Cosmonautics" (on the theory of space flight);
one of the leading scientists in the Soviet space program; born in Sieradz, lived in Moscow after
1933;
family originated in Piotrkow.

- **SZYDLOWSKI** , Family

philanthropists in Piotrkow, supporters of educational institutions.

- **ZILBERSHTEYN**, Wilhelm

co-founder of a treasury to aid young men in getting married; chairman of the Kehila in 1933.

- **ZYGELMAN**, Sh. A.

co-founder of a theater group in 1928.

- **ZYGMUNT**, Yoel

member of a citizen's committee formed at the start of World War I.