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 ("Dobroczynnosc") 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.