

# Jewish Community

of Dabrowa Tarnowska



**5 June 2012 (Hebrew year 5772)**

On this day of dedication, the worldwide Jewish Community of Dabrowa Tarnowska is pleased to congratulate and honor those individuals and organizations that made possible the restoration of the Dabrowa Synagogue and the opening of the Center for Meeting of Cultures:

- Mayor Stanislaw Poczatek, Vice Mayor Marek Minorczyk, Town Council and people of Dabrowa Tarnowska
- Dabrowa Culture Center Director Pawel Chojnowski
- The Ministry of Culture and National Heritage
- The European Union and the Province of Malopolska
- The Jewish Community in Krakow

For three centuries, the Jews of Dabrowa built their community beside the Polish people. Jews were invited to settle here to develop trade and commerce. Our cultures flourished together in harmony. Dabrowa became an important Jewish religious and learning center, with a long line of Rabbis and a Yeshiva that attracted a continuous flow of Hebrew scholars.

The Dabrowa Synagogue, built by the hands of our Jewish ancestors in the late 1860s, is the largest in Malopolska region. A masterpiece of Hassidic design, each painting and Hebrew text has religious significance, inspiring Orthodox Jews in worship, life and peace. The most important monument to our past, this Synagogue stands as witness to events of both great joy and immense suffering.

In an era of unimaginable terror for all Polish citizens, under the tremendous weight of Nazi hatred and anti-Semitism, almost every member of this Jewish community was brutally exterminated. Many survivors returned home, only to be threatened and expelled. While we remember those who lost their lives trying to save Jewish people, most survivors were forced to leave to begin life again.

May the restoration of this Synagogue inspire us to share memories and stories of our past lives together, reconnect our cultures, and encourage tolerance and greater understanding of each other. This Synagogue is an everlasting remembrance of our ancestors and families. We are forever linked to the people of Dabrowa.

**Remember the past. Remember this day. Look to the future. *Shalom* (Peace), *L'Chaim* ("To Life")**

Steven David Perlman  
Jewish Community of Dabrowa Tarnowska

**Former Residents**

Harold Brand

**Descendants**

Mendel Blau  
Debra Brand  
Warren Brand  
Richard Cooper

Tammy Evans  
Bonny Fetterman  
Andy Flack  
Chuck Flack  
Marcos Gorfinkel

Mona Gubow  
Beili Perlman  
Mark Perlman  
Chana Perlman Lev  
Estelle Schmalberg

William Solecki  
Larry Steinhauer  
Sheldon Stiefeld  
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