

BUCHNER (BUCHER) Dawid Icchak (-1827), rabbi, the son of Gerszon. In 1812, he was accepted as a rabbi. (He was the first rabbi in the history of the Częstochowa Jewish community.) He was one of the friends of the Lublin *Tzaddik*, Jakub Icchak Horowic, and leant towards Hasidism. However, this did not manifest itself in the manner by which he performed his duties as rabbi. (He also followed the Ashkenazi custom of prayer.)

Due to the Napoleonic war, there was little he could do in organising his community. In 1814, he participated in the founding of the *Hachnoset Kale*¹ brotherhood. Due to the small number of Jews, the community was unable to provide him with a decent living. What did not help were the rabbi's numerous warnings and threats, to the community's elders, that he would leave his position in Częstochowa. In 1818, when one of the *dayanim* (rabbinical judges) in Piotrków Trybunalski died, Buchner left his position in Częstochowa and became a *dayan* and head of the Piotrków Rabbinical Court. He died on 25th February 1827 and was buried there.

In 1906, a book of his sermons was printed in Piotrków. The book was entitled *Beis Dowid* (The House of David) and also contained sermons which he had delivered in Częstochowa.

His wife was Tysla née Józefowicz. In 1814 in Częstochowa, their daughter Sara Anna married Mošek Mauer Abramowicz from Piotrków.

Pietrkow Trybunalski un umgegent. Izkor buch, ed. J. Malc and N. Lau, Tel Awiw 1965, col. 223; J. Szacki, *Jidn in Czenstochow biz cu der erszter welt-milchome*, in: *Czenstochower Jidn*, p. 28; J. Spyra, *Żydowski ksiądz? Rabin w społeczności żydowskiej Częstochowy*, "Częstochowskie Teki Historyczne" 2013/14, p. 139. – "Częstochower Cajtung" 1937, No. 16, p. 4. - APCz, marriage record 4/1814.

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¹ TN: A charitable organisation providing support for poor young women to get married.