

Introduction

We do not profess this part of the book, *Figures and Characters from Bygone Jewish Life in Częstochowa*, to be an encyclopaedia of Częstochowa's prominent personalities. These are only descriptions and characterisations of figures and characters from all echelons of the people, starting from the spiritual personalities and ending in maniacs and the mentally ill.

This part of the book may stimulate the Częstochowa landsmannschaften, in all countries of the world, to collect further material in this field in order to publish a compendium of all Częstochowa's Jewish personalities.

The author of this book continues working in this field, and it is to be hoped that, with the aid of interested circles, this plan will be realised.