

## Icze Rotholc (“Porper”)

Icze Rotholc, who was known by the nickname “Porper”<sup>1</sup>, was an employee in the “Dobroczytność” [Charity] welfare society, and he was Henryk Markusfeld’s right-hand man. *Porper* was a poor Jew - he owned no factories, businesses or buildings, but depended on the wages from his work. To compensate, he had a different treasure - a good heart, and he always strove to help others by all possible means.

During the First World War, when hunger, need and cold reigned in the homes of the less fortunate, *Porper* took bread to hand out to them. Hungry Christians approached him and asked him to give them bread. *Porper* did not think long, and gave them bread to still their hunger. The *proboszcz* [parish priest] of the church found out about this and sent *Porper* a thank-you letter in acknowledgement of his deed.

The Jewish population also highly appreciated *Porper*’s activity and treated him with respect and deference. *Porper* was active in *Hachnuses Orchim* and the orphanage. He was there in any place where aid was needed, performing above his strengths. Icze *Porper* was an involved, communal activist, and the entire populace - both Jews and Christians - spoke of him with great recognition.

Icze *Porper* died shortly after the First World War.

---

<sup>1</sup> [TN: We have not been able to ascertain the origin or meaning of this sobriquet.]