

Cultural Work in Częstochowa

The newly-elected Committee of Management of the Jewish Cultural Society in Częstochowa has begun intensive activity within the city. Lately, a series of well-attended events were held, such as:

On 5th March of this year, an open forum was held, with a lecture by Magister¹ J. [?] Windman, on the topic *"The Life and Work of Darwin"*. Following the lecture, there was a discussion, in which Mbrs. Kuszniir, Grynsztajn, Adv. Baum, Brener, Lederman and others participated.

On 13th March of this year, we hosted the Polish State Yiddish Theatre from Łódź, in their performance of S. Gergely's² *"My Son"*. The performance was held in the large hall of the State Theatre, which was filled with most of the Jewish population of our city, a large number of Polish visitors and almost all the Polish actors in Częstochowa. The actors received prolonged applause and flowers. In particular, each time our beloved Ida Kamińska appeared on stage, she was greeted with warm applause.

On 19th March of this year, a writers' evening was held, with the participation of the author L. [sic J.] Szpigel³. The hall of the Jewish Cultural Society, where the evening was held, was overfilled. After Flw. M. Lederman's introductory words about J. Szpigel and his work, the poet read from his latest novels and poems. The atmosphere in the hall and the warm applause were testimony to the great recognition and gratitude, with which our public received our talented poet.

Ben Gr.⁴

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¹ [TN: Pol., the holder of a "magisterijum" or Master's degree.]

² [TN: Sándor Gergely (1886-1966) was a Hungarian writer.]

³ [TN: Jeszajahu, or Szaja, Szpigel (1906-1990) was a Yiddish poet, writer and essayist who, during the Holocaust, was in the Łódź Ghetto and later Auschwitz II - Birkenau and other concentration camps.]

⁴ [TN: As "Ben" is written in Hebrew (בן), in which it means "Son of", this is most likely not the given name, but the pseudonym of a Yiddish journalist in Częstochowa.]