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## Dr Arnold Bram *hy''d*

One of the central figures of the Zionist movement and in the medical life of Częstochowa, who left his mark upon public life, was - without doubt - Dr Arnold Bram.

From the moment he arrived in Częstochowa, the Jewish public liked him. In him, they found, on the one hand, a lively man of action, who acted and prompted others to act and who busied himself with public matters - mainly those of the nationalist and Zionist public, On the other hand, he was an expert physician - a certified radiologist - who was very much trusted, even by the non-Jews.

Dr Bram carried out the medical examinations for Częstochowa and the vicinity on behalf of the Land of Israel Bureau in Warsaw and there is no immigrant in Israel from among our townspeople whose fitness for *Aliyah* was not checked by him during the time he occupied this position.

For many years, he headed the Zionist Organisation in our city and represented it both in the *Kehilla* Council and the City Council, as well as in other important public institutions. In all the fundraisers for the National Funds, and especially for "*Keren HaYesod*", in which our city always distinguished itself with its practical results, Dr Bram was first and foremost in organising them and in actions to secure the larger donations from the city's wealthy donors.

In his political views, he was a follower of the old Zionist leader Izaak Grünbaum and a friend of Dr Izaak Sziffer *hy''d*, who both valued him highly and were among his personal friends.

It is no wonder that, over the course of time, Dr Bram became the Zionist movement's go-to person, to whom all turned and whose opinions all accepted. He was also always prepared to listen and respond to those seeking his advice or aid in their personal affairs.

(This idealistic and active man, too, was torn from us in the days of the Holocaust. His memory will endure forever in the mouths of those who knew and loved him!)