

The Book Committee

Cantor J. Cholewa *hy''d*

Following Cantor Badasz's departure from Częstochowa, J. Cholewa from Włoszczowa took his place. He was a great singer and, as cantor, he succeeded in organising a permanent choir at the municipal synagogue, all members of which had excellent voices. Cholewa was the last cantor in Częstochowa.

(With the outbreak of the Second World War, he suffered many hardships at the hands of the Nazis. After suffering the inferno of torture in the "Big Ghetto" and the "Small Ghetto", he was sent to Blizin, from where he was transported to the death-camp at Oświęcim [Auschwitz]. Even in the camp, he prayed together with his tortured brethren, but was unable to withstand the torture and he perished in the Oświęcim concentration camp.)