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### Dr Chaim Markowicz

He was born in 1898 in Częstochowa to a well-known religious family. He learnt in a *cheder* and, later, enrolled at a secondary school, where he excelled in his skills and attracted his teachers' attention.

He graduated from the Faculty of Law at the Kraków University and, after training with a few lawyers, opened his own law firm.

His education, excellent memory and practical skills brought him great success. He was especially good as defence counsel in political cases.

He was a proud Jew and, in his brilliant speeches in the courtrooms and his articles in the press, he fiercely attacked the manifestations of Nazi ideology and its venomous antisemitic propaganda.

With the end of the Second World War, Dr Markowicz also appeared in criminal cases - as prosecutor on behalf of the State. At first, he was deputy to the State Prosecutor of the District Court in Łódź. He then served as deputy to the Regional State Prosecutor and – soon afterwards – as State Prosecutor in the Supreme Court in Warsaw. Eventually, he attained the high position of State Prosecutor.

For his services, the Republic of Poland awarded him the Gold Cross of Merit [*Krzyż Zasługi*].

In 1957, he resigned his position and returned to his work as a private lawyer.

Dr Markowicz passed away in January 1964 in Warsaw, at the age of 65, and was buried next to the graves of other prominent Jewish figures.