

The Book Committee

The City's Public Figures

It was our obligation to mention, in our book, all the figures and activists who operated in town in various fields, such as public figures, creators and founders of industry [and] all those who lay the foundations for national, religious, communal and financial institutions. To our great sorrow, we were unable to find reliable sources by which to expound on these individuals as would have been fitting, in accordance with their good deeds and public works.

We must, therefore, suffice with these lines to immortalise their names, so that coming generations should know that, in our city, the following people were to be found - those who acted for it and for its residents:

Henoch Bryll, Izaak Bryll, Bergman, Werde, the Gajslers (a family of manufacturers), Gradsztajn, Ginsburg, Jakób Dawidowicz, Henig, Herc, Zorski, Majtlis, Mordka Markowicz, Leib Sojka, Nut'l Pankowski, Izaak Pankowski.

We are aware that many more are worthy of being commemorated, but we must make do with only those whose names we remember and on whom we were able to find details.