

## The Book Committee

# A List of Rabbis and Religious Dignitaries Until the Holocaust

(alphabetically [in Heb.])

### 1) Rabbis and Halachic Authorities:

Rabbi Nuchem Asz, Rabbi Ze'ev-Wolwisch Borensztajn, Rabbi Nachman Grinfeld, Rabbi Mojsze Halter, Rabbi Józef Prokosz, Rabbi Józef Klajnplac and Rabbi Benjamin Rubin.

### 2) *Rebbes*:

*Rebbe* Awigdor Szapira, his son *Rebbe* Jankew Icchok *hy''d* (killed in Treblinka), *Rebbe* Duwid Aron Twerski of Żarki, *Rebbe* Pinches Menachem Eluzor Justman of Pilica, his son *Rebbe* Chanoch Henech God Justman of Wieruszów, *Rebbe* Szulim Rotenberg of Wolbrom, his son *Rebbe* Jakób Rotenberg of Miechów and *Rebbe* Waltfried of Rozprza.

### 3) Ritual Slaughterers:

Reb Srul Borowiecki (the *shoichet* from Mstów), Reb Szmul Zajnwel Borzykowski, Reb Aryje Bencelowicz (nicknamed "The *Shoichet* of Pabianice" – perished in Treblinka, *hy''d*), Reb Duwid Bergman, his sons Reb Srul and Reb Nuchem Bergman, Reb Berl *Shoichet* from Wyczerpy, Reb Duwid Isuchor Gotlib, his son Reb Nechemie Gotlib *hy''d* (killed by Haller's troops in 1918, in the yard of the slaughterhouse for fowls on ul. Nadrzeczna), Reb Chanoch Henech Gliksman - the *shoichet* in Częstochówka (made *Aliyah* in 5696 [1936] and died in Jerusalem in 5722 [1962]), Reb Mojsze Działowski (perished in Treblinka, *hy''d*), Reb Duwid Wattenberg (nicknamed "Duwid *Triskolaser*"), his son Reb Jankew-Aron Wattenberg (both perished in Treblinka, *hy''d*), Reb Bunim-Menachem Wiewiorka (called "The *Shoichet* of Żyrardów"), Reb Mojsze Zander, his son Reb Wolf-Leib Zander (both died in the Holocaust, *hy''d*), Reb Ze'ev Taub, Reb Szlojme Fuks, his son Reb Icchok-Jojneson Fuks (both perished in Treblinka, *hy''d*), Reb Aleksander Ziskind Kaufman, his son Reb Mojsze Kaufman, and his grandson Reb Aba Kaufman (called "Reb Aba'le *Shoichet*"), Reb Dov-Berisz Kornberg (the son of the *shoichet* Reb Duwid Isuchor Gotlib; emigrated to the Netherlands in 1903 and served as *shoichet* in Amsterdam, and later in Antwerp, Belgium), Reb Mojsze Józef Szancer (perished in Treblinka, *hy''d*) and Reb Leibisz Sztajnfeld.

### 4) Trustees and Supervisors:

Reb Awrum Granek, Reb Duwid Wajsman, Reb Munysz Jaskel, Reb Szmul Cymberknopf, Reb Duwid Kartuz, Reb Mojsze-Burech Rozenwajn, Reb Aron Elio Rotenberg (made *Aliyah* and died in Tel-Aviv), Reb Szlojme Chaim Szacher and Reb Szlojme Sztencel.

### 5) *Menakrim*<sup>1</sup>:

Reb Aba'le *Shoichet* (Kaufman) and his son Reb Menachem-Mendel Kaufman.

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<sup>1</sup> [TN: A *menaker* is an expert who surgically removes the animal's forbidden suet and sciatic nerve to make it kosher.]

## **6) Mohels (Circumcisers):**

Reb Jakób Borzykowski, Reb Szlojme Grosberg, Reb Szlojme Wajcman, the *shoichet* Reb Mojsze Zander, Rabbi Menachem-Mendel Tajtelbaum and Reb Dov-Berisz Sztrausberg.

## **7) Details on the City's Poultry Abattoirs:**

The city's first slaughterhouse was at ul.Targowa 8, at Reb Aba'le *Shoichet's* house and, for many years, it was the only one. Years later, a large abattoir for poultry was built in the yard of the Old Synagogue on ul. Nadrzeczna. In the 1930's, two more locations were added: 1) at Reb Kalman Rajcher's house at Aleja 21 and 2) at Rzezak's house on Aleja Wolności.

The slaughterhouse for animals was in the city's Stradom suburb.