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## “Mister<sup>1</sup>” Zeligfeld *hy*”d

Zeligfeld came to us from the nearby town of Radomsko. He soon turned into a “*Częstochower*” in every way and became a part of the city’s scenery.

Over the course of time, he also began writing in the local papers under the name “Mister Zeligfeld” and became quite a phenomenon. His “commentaries” were true pearls. His articles, which were penned in a grotesque style, were well-liked and the reading public impatiently waited for the “*Unser Weg*” periodical to be released to find, in it, his articles, feuilletons or just his witty jokes.

This man “caught the disease” of Zionism. All his life, he aspired to make *Aliyah*, something for which he yearned for this day and night.

He took part in all the Zionist meetings, at which he delivered speeches reporting on all that was happening in the Zionist world. He would also always hum Hebrew songs that the emissaries from the Land of Israel would spread throughout the diaspora and, in general, breathed the air of the Land of Israel.

(He met the end of all the other dreamers whose dreams never came true. He, too, was unable to make *Aliyah* and perished together with the rest of his Zionist comrades who, like him, had always aspired to emigrate and were unable to!)

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<sup>1</sup> [TN: “Mister” in English in the original.]