

YIZKOR BOOKS AS A GENEALOGICAL TOOL

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WHAT IS A YIZKOR BOOK

Yizkor Books are memorial books for Jewish communities written after the Second World War, published by Landsmanschaftn (organizations of Jewish immigrants from the same town) and individuals.

Over 1,000 written documenting a single town or region



What Does A Yizkor Book Contain

- Descriptions and histories of *shtetl/kahila*-broken into different eras
- Biographies of prominent people
- Institutions, town characters and first-hand accounts of the Shoah
- Necrologies (List of town and vicinity victims of the Shoah)
- Photos, maps, sheet music, memorabilia
- Population information for each town including a list of years and the general population and the Jewish population of the town.
- Brief history of town
- Information on the religious life in the town



History of Zakroczym

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Zakroczym

(District: Warsaw; Province: Warsaw)

Translated by **Morris Gradel**

Year	Total population	Jews
1808	395	239
1827	1,057	503
1857	2,917	1,719
1897	4,218	2,211
1921	4,896	1,865

Zakroczym (Z) is mentioned in documents in the year 1065. Initially it was a village owned by the nobility. In 1387 it received special privileges from Yanosz, Prince of Mazovia. It is not known when and from whom Z received full municipal status in accordance with the Magdeburg Law - presumably it gained this in 1492. In 1564 it contained 276 houses and several workshops. Z developed rapidly, and in that same century was one of the most important towns in Mazovia. In 1619 its municipal privileges were reconfirmed by King Sigmund III. Z suffered badly during the war with the Swedes in the 50s of the 17th century, and did not recover until the end of the 18th. It then came under Prussian rule (with the division of Poland in 1795), and thereafter was included in the Principality of Warsaw (1807) and then in the Kingdom of Congress Poland (1815). In the second half of the 19th century some industrial plants were established there, in particular a factory for forging iron and rolling copper. In 1915 Z was occupied by the Germans, and at the end of the war was returned to Polish sovereignty.

The Jews had always been permitted to settle in Z without restriction. As early as the 15th century there was a small Jewish community there, but only in the 18th century did the Jewish population actually increase. At that time there were about 100 Jewish families, most of them with their own houses. Many Jews had workshops in various trades (tailors, shoemakers, tinsmiths, etc.). Under Congress Poland the Jews were subjected to restrictions with regard to housing and employment. In 1827 a Jewish quarter was promulgated, but the transfer of Jews to this quarter was postponed from year to year. Until 1862, when the edict was



Map of Sochaczew

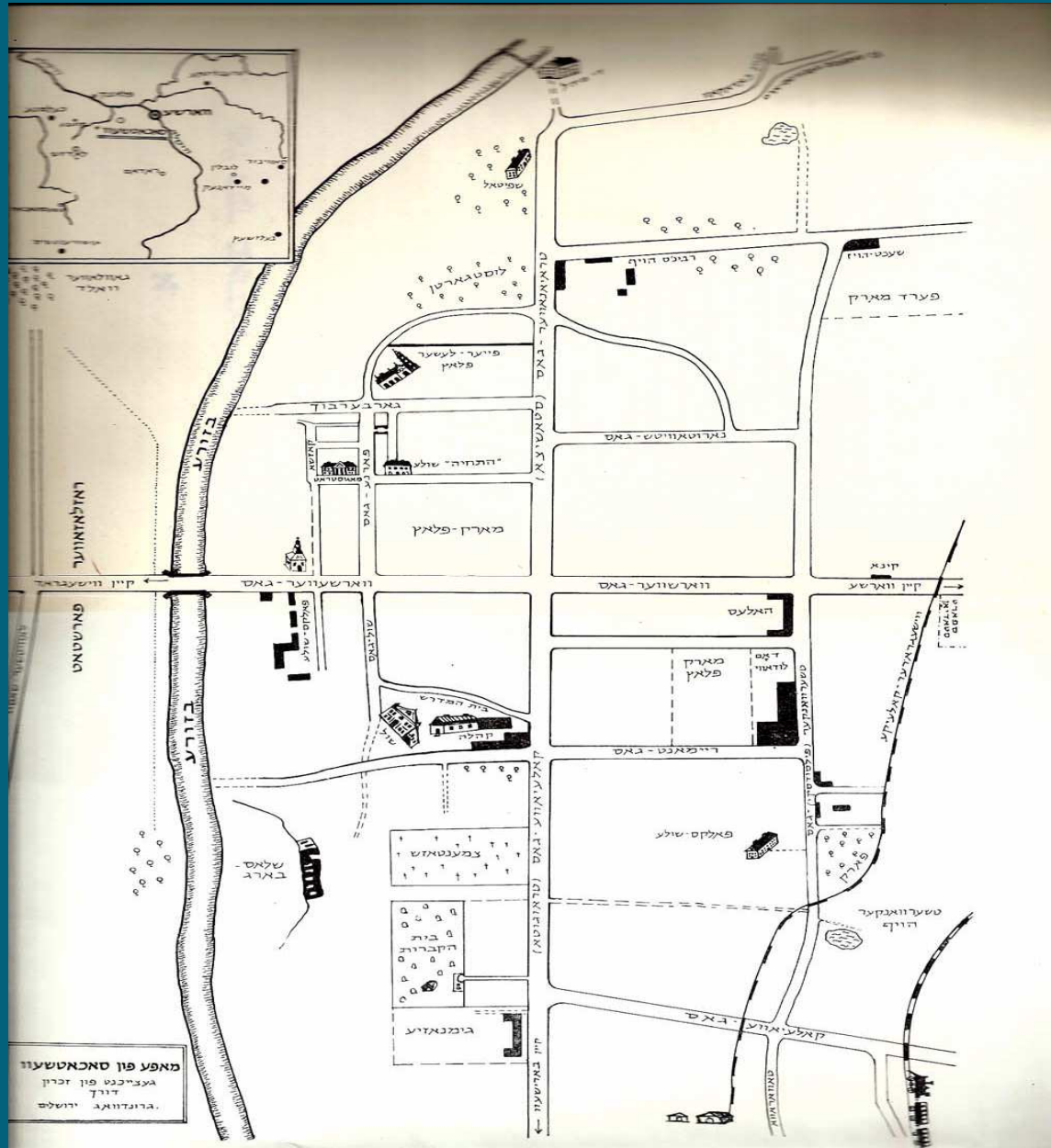


Photo From Lomza YB



לאַמזשער טורעגערס — סימבאַל פון אידישער גבורה



List of Martyrs - Bonyhád, Hungary

Family name	First name	Gender	Marital status	Spouse's name	Remarks	Page
A LLWEISZ	Feige	F				177
ALLWEISZ	Jakov	M				177
ALLWEISZ	Jentl	F				177
ALLWEISZ	Jichak	M				177
ALLWEISZ	Lea	F				177
ALLWEISZ	Malka	F				177
ALLWEISZ	Peszl	M				177
ALLWEISZ	Shlomo	M				177
ALLWEISZ	Simon	M				177
ALLWEISZ	Taube	F				177
AUSCH	Chajele	F				177
AUSCH	Cipora	F				177
AUSCH	Eliezer	M				177
AUSCH	Jechiel	M				177
AUSCH	Jichak	M				177
AUSCH	Jonathan	M				177
AUSCH	Moshe	M				177
AUSCH	Shmuel	M				177



Most are written in Yiddish and/or Hebrew—although there are others in their original language: i.e. *Pinkas Hakehillot, Yavan* (Encyclopaedia of Jewish Communities in Greece)
also: French, Spanish, German, Polish, and Russian



Translations are being done by the Yizkor Book Project of JewishGen

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/translations.html>

820 Yizkor Books on JewishGen.org
Adding new translations every month



Locating Yizkor Books

Yad Vashem

Jewish Public Library –Montreal

US Library of Congress

NYC Public Library-Dorot Collection

YB can be seen/downloaded at NY Public
Library:

<http://yizkor.nypl.org/>

Hebrew Union College LA

Simon Wiesenthal Center/Yeshiva University
Library

UCLA Research Library

American Jewish University Los Angeles

<http://www.jewishgen.org/yizkor/yizlibs.html>



Purchasing Yizkor Books

Difficult to find as few originally printed—expensive if find them—seek out E-bay closing Jewish libraries

Digitized copies available from National Yiddish Book Center

<http://www.yiddishbookcenter.org/node/252>



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- Will publish any book when fully translated



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BREST-LITOVSK - VOLUME II Encyclopedia of the Jewish Diaspora (Belarus)



TRANSLATION OF
BRISK DE-LITA:
ENCYCLOPEDIA SHEL GALUYOT

Stawiski Memorial Book (Poland)



Gruss aus Stawisky, Russ. Polen
Great Synagogue in 1916

Translation of Stawiski; *sefer yizkor*



Master Name Index Necrology Index

Yizkor Book Master Name Index (YBMNI)

Index of all persons mentioned in the translated portions of the Yizkor Books appearing in translation project:

28,000 entries from 43 YB

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/Yizkor/Names/>

Necrology Index:

Index of names of persons in necrology (those who perished in the Shoah)

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/yizkor>

345,907 entries from 412 necrologies

