

May our communities be magnified and sanctified –

Kutno, Łęczyca, Krośniewice and Dąbrowice

Kutno, Łęczyca, Krośniewice and Dąbrowice where, for hundreds of years, thousands of families lived according to traditional Judaism, a pure and holy life;

Our communities and their businesses that were exemplary – carved in our dreams, and a large part of its remains died wandering, or were murdered in their hiding places – some by fire and some by water: some by hunger and some by thirst, some by the sword and some by plague, some in the ghettos and some in the gas chambers...

May our holy men, our martyrs and our deceased be remembered forever

Remember the fighters on the front lines of World War II, the Independence War in 1948, the Sinai War in 1956 and the Six-Day War in June 1967.

The mourners:

Organization of Townsmen of Kutno and Surroundings in Israel

The descendants of Łęczyca, Dąbrowice and Krośniewice

In memory of my dear husband

Aharon Mendelewicz z"l

who died in Tel Aviv on July 23, 1967

The mourner:

Hinda Mendelewicz-Majranc



Aharon Mendelewicz z"l

We bow our heads at his grave

Aharon Mendelewicz z"l

Among the active ones dealing with public needs, in Kutno and in Israel. A Zionist, dedicated and faithful to his mission for the sake of our citizens.

His memory won't leave us!

Committee of the Organization of Former Residents of Kutno residents in Israel

Aharon Mendelewicz was born in Brzeziny, on September 25, 1890, the eldest son of Feivel-Meir and Shifra Mendelewicz. The father was a great scholar and their fashion business was run by the mother.

Aharon, apart from the *cheder* and *yeshiva*, also made secular studies and therefore mastered the Polish language well and became an accountant. He was living decently from that profession. Looking closely at the life and struggle of the Brzeziny workers and tailors, he became close to the idea of Zionism and socialism, which eventually crystallized in him as a general Zionist worldview, to which he devoted his entire life. While still in Brzeziny, the young enthusiast got involved with the movement and was active in the local Zionist organization.

Mendelewicz arrived in Kutno in 1916 and married the daughter of the virtuous and well-known family of Yonatan Majranc. He was involved in Jewish social and political life in Kutno and became one of the most important Zionist activists in the city. Already during the first elections to the city council in independent Poland, he was elected as a councilman in the Zionist list and then he was chosen as the only Jewish lay judge in the municipality.

In the year 1923, Aharon Mendelewicz was elected to the important office of chairman of the Jewish community – and held it until 1927. In this Memorial Book, a lot is told by others and by himself about his blessed activity in the two most important institutions in Kutno: the town council and the community. For a certain time, he was also the secretary of the municipality. He distinguished himself with his courageous attitude and fight against the antisemitic attacks from the *Endeks* and for partisan Jewish rights and Jewish interests.

In the year 1933, together with his wife Hinde, he immigrated to Israel and got a job as an accountant in the Central *Kupat Cholim*¹. Now his main social activity is concentrated on the matter of the *landsmanshaft* from Brzeziny and Kutno. He was the living spirit in the publication of the Memorial Book of Brzeziny, just as he took an interest in and actively helped in compiling our "Kutno and Surroundings" Memorial Book. He had a phenomenal memory and only thanks to him could we have the authoritative, competent and reliable confirmation of certain events, facts and names in Kutno, so that the works in the book should correspond as much as possible with reality.

A cruel death took him away from us on the 23rd of July 1967². Hundreds of countrymen attended his funeral. The vice-chairman, Mr. Yehoshua Elbaum, eulogized him on behalf of Organization of Former Residents of Kutno.

Honor his memory!

¹ TN: Health Maintenance Organization.

² TN: his matzeva says 21st of July 1967. 23rd may be the burial date.

In eternal memory of our parents, sisters, in-laws and children



Shimon and Pesa
Walter (Sochaczewski
– "di ketzite")



Blibaum Lusie-Leah (right) –
Zeszewski Pinchas and
Goldman Leib (left)



Shaye and Sabine Blibaum (born
Sochaczewski) and Malka
Sochaczewski



Zeszewski Wolf and
Sara (born Kaliszak)



Bzura Berish and Ruzhe (born
Sochaczewski) and their child
Lusie



Goldman Nachum
and Manie (born
Sochaczewski)

Eternal memory:

Yechiel-Meir Kaliszak (Kibud) and family, Tel-Aviv

Abraham Sochaczewski and family, Ramat Gan



In eternal memory!

Falc Shmuel, the grandfather. Born in 1868, died in 1920.

Falc Yochebed, the grandmother, born Szlajfer, in 1870, died in Chełmno.

Falc Alexander (Sender), born in 1889, shot dead in the Kutno cemetery in 1942.

Falc Dvora born Berkowicz, in 1892.

Falc Shmuel, born in 1925 – found a tragic death in the Chełmno camp.

Falc Yaakov, born in 1892, killed in Warsaw.

Falc Pola, born Berkowitz, in 1895, died in Warsaw.

Falc Felek, born in 1917, died in Warsaw.

Falc Yehoshua (Shaye), born in 1895, died in the Warsaw ghetto.

Falc Ruzha born Fuks, in 1898, died in the Warsaw ghetto.

Falc Irka, born in 1922, died in the Warsaw ghetto.

Falc Shmuel, born in 1927, died in the Warsaw ghetto.

Falc Meir, born in 1908, died in the Warsaw ghetto.

Falc Rotke born Zylberberg, died in the Warsaw ghetto.

Falc Nachman, fell in the Independence War.

The mourners:

Blima-Esther Rosenman born Falc

Yechiel Falc

Abraham Falc

Shmuel Laron-Falc

and their families in Israel

In memory of our dear parents Menachem-Mendel and Sheindel Lustigman



The mourners:
 Moshe Lustigman and his family, Jerusalem
 Bela Szwarc-Lustigman and Bela, Tel Aviv
 Abraham Lustigman and his family, Holon

In eternal memory of our unforgettable family members



Mordechai Lustigman



Leahle Siennicki



Golda
Siennicki-Lustigman



Golda Lustigman



Chaim-David Lustigman



Yehoshua Lustigman



Yosef Lustigman



Zelig Lustigman

Yechiel-Asher Siennicki, spouse of Golda Lustigman
Leah, Rachel, Hinda and Masha Siennicki

Uncles: Hanoch Ajlenberg, wife Dvora Bela
Edzha and Rachel Ajlenberg

The mourners:

Moshe Lustigman and his family, Jerusalem
Bela Szwarc-Lustigman and her husband, Tel Aviv
Abraham Lustigman and his family, Holon

In eternal memory!

Our grandfather Moshe-Aharon Ferenbach, died in Elul 5677 (August-September 1917), aged 57;

Our grandmother Rivka Ferenbach born Goldman, died aged 70;

Our father R' Abraham-Berish, died in the ghetto aged 60;

Our mother Chana Miriam born Wiszniewski, died in the Kutno ghetto, aged 58;

Our sister Zipora Bauman born Ferenbach, wife of Chaim Israel, was killed in Kutno ghetto;

Our sister Chaya-Sara Ferenbach, member of the training kibbutz of Częstochowa, died aged 20.



Their memory is dear to us for eternity!

Yaakov Ferenbach, Nahariya
Shoshana Man-Ferenbach, kibbutz Evron

In eternal memory



Yaakov son of Abraham Elbaum z"l

Dear and beloved husband and uncle

Died untimely in Ramat Gan, on the 9th of July 1965

And the members of our family

Who died and were murdered by the Germans and their accomplices

In the years 1939-1945.

May their memories be blessed!

His wife Greta Elbaum, Ramat Gan
The families: Avner,
 Hiller,
 Rozenblum, Tel Aviv

**In eternal memory of our dear, unforgettable ones,
parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents – killed by
the Hitlerite murderers or deceased**



Feiga-Malka Elbaum



Moniek and Renie



Yochebed Elbaum

Grandfather and father R' Zalman Elbaum, born 1931;
Grandmother and mother Feiga-Malka Elbaum, died
of starvation in the Łódź ghetto;

Shmuel Elbaum, with his wife and daughter,
died in the Warsaw ghetto;

Yankel Elbaum with his wife and daughter,
killed in the Łódź ghetto;

Abba Elbaum and wife, died in Warsaw ghetto;

Mendel and Esther Zylberberg, born Elbaum,
died in the Łódź ghetto;

Yosel, Pinchas and David Zylberberg, died
in the Łódź ghetto;

Sara and her child, and Rachel Zylberberg;
Kalman, Dvora (born Elbaum) and Chana Rawicki,
died in the Łódź ghetto:

Shalom, Manie (born Elbaum), Renie and Muniek
Greenfarb, killed in Chelmno;

Yochebed Elbaum, died in Kutno, in 1927.

On their unmarked graves – our warm tears!



Nathan, Regina Freund-Elbaum, Ramat Gan
Yehoshua Elbaum and family, Givatayim
Rachel Zylberszpic-Zylberberg and family, Tel Aviv



To the eternal memory

Of our parents, grandparents, sisters and brothers, who were murdered by the German assassins.

Father and grandfather Mendel Zylberberg
Mother and grandmother Esther Zylberberg (born Elbaum)

Sister Sara Zylberberg, with her husband and child

Sister Rachel Zylberberg

The brothers Yosel, David, Pinchas, Yankel (killed at 6 years old)

Still in mourning:

Rachel, Leibel, Yosef and

Esther Zylberszpic-Zylberberg, Tel-Aviv



Sara and Rachel Zylberberg

May he rest in peace – in memory of my dear husband and beloved father



Ze'ev-Yehuda Anker



Yonah-Miriam Anker



Alexander Anker

My father Alexander Anker z"l, born on 31.12.1906 in the city of Kutno, to mother Yonah-Miriam and father Ze'ev-Yehuda of Anker family. My grandfather z"l, chassid of Sochaczew, a close friend of the rabbi, a man of means and a master of his profession. He always supported his students.

He always supported the gifted students who read the Torah, day and night. He was cherished by all because of his wisdom and goodness of his heart.

My late father received a Torah education in the cheder. Once, when he went out to the street, he met a Polish youth who had a stone in his hand and told him: "*Żyd*, go to Palestine!" ("Jew, go to *Eretz Israel*!"). The event left its sharp mark on the boy's heart and created a turning point in his life's path. Since then, he started reading Zionist literature in secret, with a clear decision that his ultimate goal is to make *aliyah* to Israel. Over the years he became active in the Zionist movement in his city and raised a lot of money for various foundations, such as: *Keren Kayemet* and *Keren HaYesod*, whose goal is to build the country. He founded with his co-workers the Zionist library named "*Ahad-HaAm*" where he served as its librarian, not to receive an award. Its purpose was to bring the Jewish youth closer to the Hebrew language and the values of the Zionist movement. During the day he worked for the movement and at night – making glue, to support his family, which meanwhile had declined in status. When Ben-Gurion, who would live a long life, visited Kutno as the agency's envoy, he said to Father z"l: "Guys like you – they belong with us, in Israel."

After a long and blessed activity in the Zionist institutions in his city, he immigrated to Israel in 1933. He went through all the difficulties of the country's assimilation in those days. He worked all week in the orchards of Magdiel and every Shabbat he would go to Jerusalem to visit the holy places. He encouraged his family members and friends who remained in Kutno to immigrate to Israel by letters full of enthusiasm describing the beauty of the land. Shortly after his immigration, his parents immigrated to Israel. All his days he regretted not being able have his sister immigrate, who later died in the Łódź ghetto. His parents settled in Tel Aviv, where he accompanied them with his gentleness and devotion that knew no bounds, until their last moment.

I remember my late father, gentle and with a noble soul. He never raised his voice and always spoke calmly and calmly. He loved to tell us, his children, about the difficulties the Zionist idea went through, until the state was established. He always remembered the longings in which he worked and devoted all his energy to the Zionist movement. I remember, when they brought the bones of Benjamin-Ze'ev Herzl to Israel, he mounted me on his shoulders and pointed his finger at the coffin and said: "Here, this is the coffin of the contract of the Jewish state." He worked tirelessly all his days so that his family would not know lack and suffering. He made sure that his children received an excellent education and always boasted that his son was studying at the Nativ Meir yeshiva in Jerusalem opposite Mount Herzl. Every year he would go to the Sochaczew Rabbi in Beit Vagan, in Jerusalem, and absorb a chassidic atmosphere.

It is a shame that father z"l was taken from us before his time and did not get to enjoy the satisfaction of his sons, to whom he tried to pass his noble soul. He passed away on *Isru Chag* [end of *Pesach*] on the 22 of Nisan 5727 (2.5.67). May his soul be bound in the bundle of life.

The mourners:

His wife, Zipora Anker (from the house of Wisinger)

His son Avishai Anker

His daughter Miriam Anker, Tel-Aviv