

11 May 1909

To His Excellency the Mogilev Governor

From the residents of the town of Chislavichi appointed by Jewish worship congregations herewith undersigned

Petition

Because of necessity to manage religious rituals and vital records, our community badly needs Public rabbi.

We do not have candidates graduated from the courses at the former Rabbinical School, or any Jewish Teacher's school or common higher or secondary educational institution to run for this position.

Taking into account that our local Spiritual rabbi petty bourgeois **Mendel Girshev** (*Mendel, a son of Girsh - Sh.G.) Krakowiak** as loyal and trustworthy person surely can perform the duties, including monitoring the set rules of public prayers and rituals be followed and explaining the true meaning of the Law. Therefore, we would like to elect him, **Krakowiak**, to the position of the Public rabbi.

Due to what has been mentioned, we respectfully ask Your Excellency to permit election of our Spiritual rabbi **Krakowiak** for this position.

If such permission should be issued by the Ministry of Interior Affairs, we humbly ask to forward this petition as needed and inform us about the following steps.

Two tax stamps of 75 kopecks each have been attached herewith.

Azimov Yankel	Govzman Pesach	Molotnikov Naftolya	Sinitzky Sh.
Azimov Dovid	Idson Avsey	Manevich Leiba	Slavin Sh.
Basin Chaim	Kaganov Abram	Maryasin Aron	Smolyanitzky Yitzka
Benin Yuda	Kaplun Gershen	Meyerson Mendel	Temin Abram Shlema
Chazanov Movsha	Leikin Mendel	Min'kin Aron	Tovbin Leiba
Chesin Yidel	Leikin Movsha	Mirenborg Yitzka	Weinstein Michel
Czernyak Nota	Levitin Abram	Mirkin Zalman	Weinstein Shmerka
Freidlin Yitzka	Levitin Yankel	Mnuchin Shlioma	Yudson Mordukh
Galutin Shmerka	Libin Shaya	Magidov Meyer	Zeitlin Velka
Gitovich Chaim	Libin Nochim	Risberg Boruch	Zirlin Berka
Golutin Zalman	Lipkin Chaim	Ryvkin Yudka	
Gurevich Nisin	Lipkin Donya-Besya	Shandler Smugel	
Gutkin Beniomim	Lokshin Khazkel	Shapiro Chaim	

*) Mendel Krakowyak aka Menachem Mendel Krakowiako-Krakovsky or just Menachem Krakowsky

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