

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.

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

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