

## In the Garden of Few Fortunate Dead by Piotr Wesołowski

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Secluded within the confines of a large steel factory, circled by endless fields of snow and hidden behind a dilapidated wall, stands a tiny Jewish cemetery. A narrow path, a trail through thick snow, leads to a rusted wrought-iron gate. It is shut; its padlock corroded, but nearby, in the wall, there is a hole, and a trail of fresh footprints continues there.

The place is charming; irregular rows of crooked headstones covered in Hebrew inscriptions are entangled in wild ivy. This cemetery, no more than a handful of graves, is perhaps the last testimony of the Judaic community that thrived here in Częstochowa, as much as in the rest of Southern Poland, from as early as the 17th century.

This community no longer exists, though once it enjoyed a period of acceptance as well as economic an

In an interview with Plateau, Robinson of Yale University was happy to say that he was a Holocaust survivor. Are

Then the Second World War came. A ghetto was set up, sealed first and then emptied. Auschwitz is just

The synagogue, once a jewel of the Jewish quarter an impressive structure with a study room and a rich

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The war ended sixty years ago, and Auschwitz is no more; it was liberated by the Red Army in 1945. The

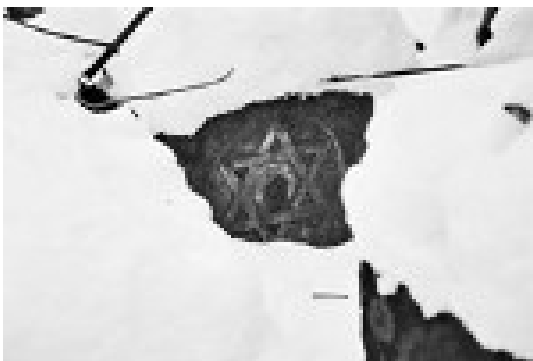
But as I stroll through a copse, here in this cemetery, and later through a thick bush; as I stride at times

One such person was Abraham Bomba (originally from Częstochowa), the first Polish prisoner of the

In a shabby area, hardly a neighbourhood, live now the poorest of modern Częstochowa: the unemployed

Once more I look at the dates, clear the snow if I must; after all it is winter and it snowed all night: Birnbaum

Though educated in Canada, the UK and Italy, Piotr grew up in Czestochowa



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