

C O N T E N T S

Preface	17
---------------	----

PART ONE : LUBLIN

1. Lublin in the annals of Jewish History	25
2. Lublin in the History of Polish Jewry	
(a) Jerusalem of Poland	33
(b) Community (form of) Life in Poland	41
(c) Before and After (the pogroms of) 1648	50
3. Rabbinics and Rabbis in Lublin	
(a) "The Council of the Four Lands" (Waad Arba Aratzoth) and the Lublin Influence	65
(b) Rabbinics in Lublin	70
(c) The Last Six Rabbis	82
4. Kabbalah and Chassidism (Pietism)	
(a) The Centre of Scholastic & Kabbalistic Learning	111
(b) The Shabsai Tzvi Epoch and Strife in the Jewish Camp	125
(c) Chassidism in Poland	138
(d) The Chozeh of Lublin	157
(e) Three Spiritual Centres	168
5. Haskalah (Renaissance) and Social Life	
(a) Researchers and Maskilim (Enlighteners)	179
(b) Old and New Lublin	201
(c) During the Last Days	213

— PART TWO —

THE EPOCH OF PILPUL

6. Initiator and Popularizer of the Study of Pilpul (Sophistry)	
(a) Rabbi Jacob Pollack	231
(b) Who was Rabbi Jacob Pollack?	237

(c) His Polemics with the Rabbis	238
(d) The Consecrator of Pilpul Study and his method in Talmudic Disputation	242
(e) The achievements of Pilpul	251
(f) The Followers of the Study of Pilpul	267
7. Rabbi Solomon Luria— The Maharshal	
(a) Poland-The Spiritual Centre of the Diaspora	279
(b) The Birth of Maharshal and his Way of Life	281
(c) The achievements of Maharshal	292
(d) The Maharshal and the Remah	299
(e) The Maharshal as authority on Jewish Law	305
(f) Responsa of Maharshal	313
(g) The Maharshal's Rabbinical writings	321
(h) Students of the Maharshal	330
(i) The Maharshal's attitude towards Kabbalah and philosophy	344
(j) Maharshal synagogue in Lublin	351
8. Maharam of Lublin	
(a) Rabbi Meir, son of Gedalya	365
(b) Yeshivah (Rabbinical Academy) and Students of Maharam	374
(c) His approach to society and learning	388
(d) Scholastic Rationalism	388
(e) The Maharam as an authority on Jewish Law	391

— PART THREE —

THE EIGER DYNASTY IN LUBLIN (THREE RABBIS)

9. Rabbi Leib Eiger	
(a) The most unassuming amongst the modest	401
(b) The house where Rabbi Leib was born and reared	403
(c) Grandfather and Grandson	409
(d) Regard for the founder of the Eiger Dynasty	427
(e) Conduct of Rabbi Leib Eiger	430

(f) Miracles and Wonders in Lublin	439
(g) His Rabbinical writings and his disciples	443
(h) Kotzk and Ishbitze	448
(i) The Last Days	453
 10. Rabbi Tzadok Hakohen of Lublin	
(a) Kabbalah and its Teachings to the general public	455
(b) Birth and Origin	459
(c) As a Lubliner Inhabitant	463
(d) His Rabbinical writings	471
(e) His Spiritual World	476
 11. The Shevet M'Yehuda - Rabbi Abraham Eiger	
(a) The humblest among the meek	487
(b) What Rabbi Abraham personified	491
(c) His sons and his adherents	499
 INDEX	521

ILLUSTRATIONS, REPRODUCTIONS, PHOTOSTATS