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Volume 2 of *Lita: Historical Comments on the Spiritual Life of the Jewish Communities of Lithuania*, is devoted to the community of Amdur. The pamphlet was published in Bnei Brak by Z. Yankelovich in 1977 and edited by Rabbi Shmuel Chasida and Moshe Chinovitz. The editors acknowledge the assistance of Rabbi and Mrs. Isaac Sochanitzky of Amdur, Dr. Yitzchak Rifkind of the USA, and the memoirs of Yedidya Efron.

Pages 10 -17 has a description and brief history of the town of Amdur, ending with the Holocaust.

Pages 18- 21 contains a chapter on the Yeshiva of Amdur.

Pages 21 -35 discuss the Council of Amdur, setting forth a series of selected acts of general applicability adopted in 1720, reproduced from the *Pinkas Medinat Lita*, published in Berlin in 1925, and several other sources.

Pages 37- 60 contain a chapter about the 13 leading rabbis of Amdur, followed by a chapter on four other rabbis. [SEE BELOW]

Pages 61 -63 entitled, "The World of Torah in Amdur" describes eight other personalities. [SEE BELOW]

Pages 64 - 67 contains a list of around 150 Amdur residents (listed by street) who contributed in 1930 to a fund to support yeshivot. [SEE BELOW]

Pages 69-75 discusses the work of the Lithuanian Jewry Memorial Foundation at the Ponevezh Yeshiva in B'nai Brak.

Rabbi Aharon Eliezer Afron

The son of Rabbi Shaul Efron, one of the wealthy and honored residents of Amdur, who emigrated to Frankfurt. Rabbi Shaul was a pious scholar who was in the gold business (which was prohibited by law) together with his partner, the well known and wealthy Eliezer Bregman. After Shaul was arrested by the police, he was sentenced to many years in prison in Grodno. When another prisoner died, Shaul was smuggled out as the corpse, thanks to an enormous bribe. When the real corpse was discovered the next day, Shaul had already crossed the German border. At the time, the government was enraged by this event.

Rabbi Aharon Eliezer was a scholar and the Rabbi of "Chevrah Torah." He wrote a book entitled Five Alephs (Vilna, 1904) about the Five Books of the Torah and the Five Megillot. The name of the book refers to its subject matter as well as the acronym Aharon Eliezer Afron Man (Ish) of Amdur [in Hebrew, the five words all begin with an aleph].

He emigrated with his family to Argentina and died there. His son Yedidya did much to memorialize his town of Amdur, and his writings helped us in providing the portraits of the world of Torah in Amdur. [Yedidia was NOT his son].

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Meyer Shmuel Witkind
Yakov Movshovski
Moshe Lyav
Moshe Rozenberg
Eliezer Kaplan
Benyamin Rabinowitz
Yishiah Palyosh
Baruch Meyer Rabinowitz
Yehosha Zev Shpira
Moshe Breshinski
Shabti Nofkh
Yoel Agunin
Tanchum Birski
Tsvi Breshinski
Asher Weisman
Chaim Ginzburg ShO"V
Daniel Galprin
Moshe Zacharish
HA. Chaia Rivkah Goldman
VHA. Peshe Gittel Hipshman

Rchov Krynki-Volkovyski

Alter Boblynski
HA. Sima Lys
Moshe Karpovitz
Nisan Wein
Yosef Nakdiman
Benyamin Nachby
Nisan Adelski
Yishchar Shmidt
Yakov Kaplan
Motti Shar
Chaim Elihu Shternfeld

D”R Livovitz
HA. Sasha Elka Zshuk
HA. Rivka Shtein
Alter Arberm
Koftar (title) BYH”M Bregman
A”Y R’ Matityh’ Shar

Rchov Matzkrynki
Chaim Nachby
Yechezkel Kirshiverski
Fishel Buki
Alter Adin
Mordecai Zev Nachby
Yehudah Siroti
Avraham Rabinowitz
Asher Buki
Benyamin Buki
Gabriel Kushner
Aharon Shalom Lyaw
Eliah’ Furi
Daniel Siegel
Kadosh Avnet (“Abget”)
Reuben Bashes

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Chaim Leib Bal
Eizik Nachby
Yosef Rozental
Meir Bitsalel Beker
Alter Shtein
Tsvi Nachby
Leib Grinboim
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Rafel Shamash DBYH”M
Avraham Moshe Raches
Aba Aryeh Leib Leidt
Nachman Aharon Band
Dovid Trop
Tuviah Nakdiman
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Kopel Bovl ??
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Pinchus Alcon
Leib Morshtein
Chaim Levin
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Rchov Horodna Vhshok

Rabbi AB"D Shlit"a
Shmuel Tsines
HA. Sarah Tsinas
Meir Tsvi Yelin
Rabbi MV"Kh Tsvi Trubovitz
Rabbi Ezriel Felietzek
Kadosh Teper
Tuviah Teper
HA. Rasha Nofch
Avigdor Efron
Abraham Kunst
Mendel Nofch
Leib Shelkovsky
Kadosh Teper [again]
Reuben Furie
Shlomah ShO"V
Zev Zalmanovitz
ChA. Nacha Teper
Yakov Bashas
Dovid Suchornitzki
Leib Suchornitzki
Baruch Mazur
Aharon Teper
Zev Yetwetski
Yakov Buki
Ephrym Eigel
ChA. Chaia Sarah Wein
ChA. Tyba Saryski
Zachryah Elin
Moshe Tsvi Glembotzki
Rabbi Chaim Klein
ChA. Sasha Buki
HA. Senya Eizraelski
Yechiel Ytum (Aptiker)
Shmion [sic]Buki
Moshe Liptser
Yakov Kapolski
Leib Kunst
Rabbi Nachman Aharon Band
Rabbi Chaim Zalmanovitz
Rabbi Yehuda Shternfeld
Rabbi Moshe Weisman
HA. Chasha Bal

HA. Chana Reizel Landa

Yeruchmiel Izraelski

Yakov Yoel Falk

Tuvia Shtein

Shevach Witkindt

HA. Marka Tsfart

Aryah Tabelinski

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Aryeh Kartovitz, Hilel Buki, rabbi Chaim Ginzburg.

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