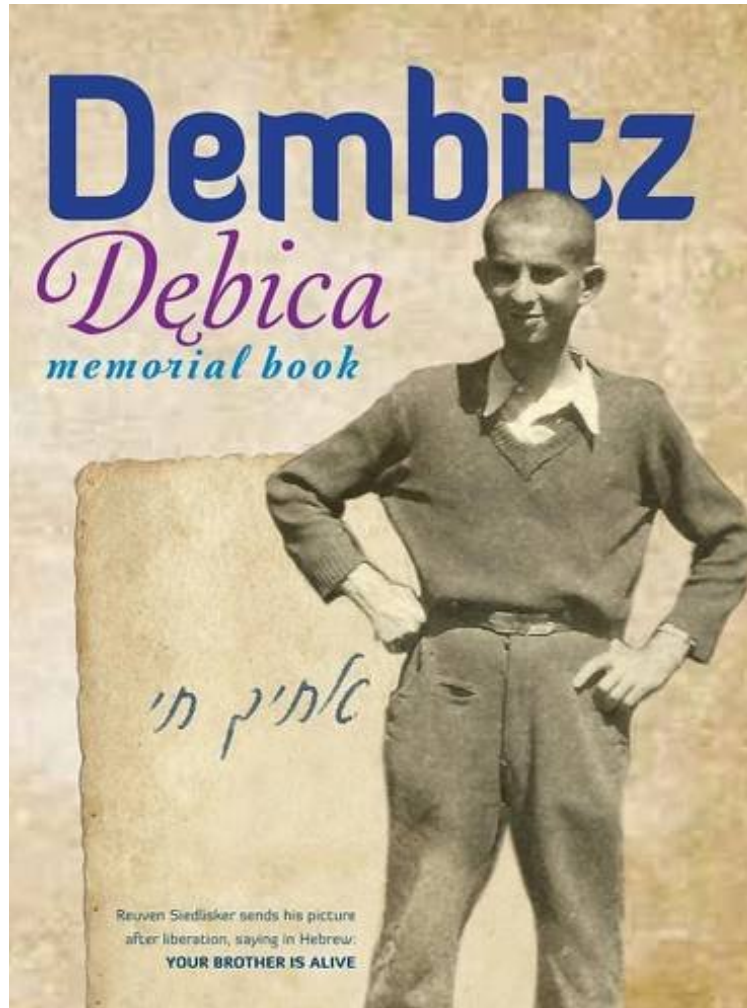


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Jews were living in Dbica as early as 1673. They settled in Dbica after being banished from the nearby town of Pilzno. At the beginning of the twentieth century there were about 2200 Jews or about 55% of the population. This vibrant small Jewish community was best known for two independent Jewish communities with two separate rabinates and communal institutions (for Old Dbica and New Dbica). By the late 1930's there were approximately 3300 Jews still

living in Dbica. The Jews were lawyers, doctors, teachers, bakers, butchers, and tailors. When the Nazi forces occupied Dbica in 1939 through 1944, the Jews were imprisoned in the local ghetto to perform forced labor in Pustkow and were finally sent to the Beec death camp. Approximately 13,000 Jews from the Dbica county were murdered in the Holocaust, including about 3000 Jews from the city of Dbica. A few survivors escaped, survived the camps and were hidden by Poles. About 50-100 people survived the war. Their stories along with the rich history of Dbica when it was a living part of world Jewry prior to 1939 are described in this volume. Read the details in the survivors' own words as they remember and bring to life the once vibrant Jewish community of Dbica. Today there are no Jews living in Dbica, Poland. This book serves as a memorial to the Jewish community of Dbica, Poland. It will be of interest to descendants and researchers of the town. Dembitz is located at 5003' North Latitude and 2125' East Longitude. Alternate names for the town are: Dbica [Polish], Dembitz [Yiddish, German], Debitsa, Dembica, Dembits, Dembitsa, Dembiza. Nearby Jewish Communities: Pilzno 8 miles SW, Ropczyce 9 miles E, Przecaw 11 miles NNE, Wielopole Skrzyskie 11 miles SE, Brzostek 12 miles S, Radomyl Wielki 12 miles NNW.