

Belz

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Name in Polish: Bełz

Name in German: Bels

Name in Ukrainian: Белз

Name in Russian: Белз

Name in Hebrew: בעלז

Name in Yiddish: בעלז, בעלזא

Population Data:

Year	Number of the whole population	Number of the Jewish population	Percentage of the Jewish population
1550		200	
1765		716	
1829	2460	460	18.7%
1859	3496	1783	51.0%
1880	4129	2135	51.7%
1900	5074	2872	56.6%
1910	6021	3625	60.2%
1921	4150	2104	50.7%
1931		2500	

External links: [Belz on Jewishgen site](#)

Remarks:

Belz on [Virtual Shtetel](#).

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The [Belz Hasidic dynasty](#) on Yivo Eyclopedia

Belz is a town between the Solokiya River, a tributary of the Western Buh, and its tributary Richytsa (Zhechitsa). It's possible, that the name referring to a treeless area between thick forests, or to a swamped, difficult to traverse area. Belz is among Poland's oldest towns and is mentioned in the Ruthenian Chronicles of 1030. It was established as a residential town in the 13th c. and received rights of a Polish royal town in 1509, in accordance with the Magdeburg law. Jews are mentioned in documents from 1413. In 1550 there were 32 Jewish homes. During the 17th century outstanding individuals such as the authors of the holy works Bayit Hadash, Meirat Einayim, Baer Heitev and Torat Haim served as its rabbis. From

the beginning of the 19th century we find there the hasidic Beẓ dynasty of the Rokeah family, among the most illustrious in Poland, and pilgrims would stream there from other European countries as well.



Belz hasidic synagogue and bet ha-midrash, built in 1839, destroyed during WWII

Coordinates: 50°23' N, 24°01' E

Historical-cultural region: Eastern Galicia

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