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Date of birth: 1850 | **Date of death:** 1935
Occupation or position: Folklorist

Community: Brody

Alfred Landau was a famous folklorist and philologist. Born in Brody in 1850, into the family of a famous rabbi, Landau studied in a gymnasium in Vienna, having moved there when he was still a child. Afterwards, Landau studied law, but despite running a successful law practice following his graduation, he decided to study philology as a hobby. As a result, Landau became one of the founders of modern Yiddish philology, authoring books on Yiddish vocabulary and grammar, “The Slav Element and Slav Influence in Yiddish” (*Di Slawische elementn un haschpoeß in jidisch)* being among his most well-known works. Alfred Landau died in Vienna in 1935.

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