During this period, the Polish bigwigs, fleeing to Romania, tried once more to bilk the Jews. A Jewish delegation was summoned to the office of the district head, who explained to them in detail that the Poles had no interest in fighting against the Germans and that this war was being conducted solely to protect the Polish Jews. To show our gratitude, we were instructed within two days to raise a sum equal to the amount of the most recent loan and turn it over as a contribution. Otherwise… the same old extortionist threats followed. However, Poles absconded to Romania before the forty-eight-hour deadline ran out. By that time, the district head had pilfered all cash boxes containing any money, public and private, for his personal use.