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## **Final defense**

Questions to Gertler:

1. What other sources of income he used to have before the war (interventions in Internal Revenue Service).
2. Whom he saved from the gallows (3 persons).
3. If after “Szpera”, the following forms existed in Sonderabteilung:
  - Dawid’s Gertler - gefund
  - Der Baricht fun Fund
4. Why the following people accused him:
  - Regenfitz - (blackmail) (in the Merel’s case, he claims that he threw the child from the second floor)
  - Kirstein – after trial he wanted to talk to me, but I refused
  - Bleiweis – wanted to do business with me, but I refused
5. Kamn Frank testified: (...) told me when he said good-bye to me

1. Complements
2. Translations

### **Defense – Witnesses**

What witnesses are supposed to say.

1. Pilewicz – defense -

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- I. Court and advance notices
  - Names of the witnesses; nobody knows where they appeared in the investigation

- Court notice in the press: January 25<sup>th</sup> 1949, September 9<sup>th</sup> 1949
- Despite notices in the press, prosecution witnesses didn't appear, but defense witnesses came forward.
- Witness Lewkowicz from Czestochowa convinced me
- Announcement (...)

II. -----

III. Prosecution witnesses – analyze

IV. Defense witnesses – analyze

V. Witness Blajwajs (prosecution) (witness Tykocinski) – A notice in the press came out January 25<sup>th</sup> 1949 and he testified February 20<sup>th</sup> 1949 in the room next to the Juriditsche Optajlung Jesuit. He wanted to force the money.

VI. Defense witness Frank

- Fight for him. Fries – took and signed what he had typed on the machine in the presence of Fries
- Analyze

VII. List of crimes

- From Bremen (...)
- (...)

VIII. Committee Investigation of War Crimes in Lodz – There was no foundation to start an investigation against Gertler.

IX. Jewish Historical Institute - didn't add any notes or comments to the documents they sent.

X. Boczkowski, Paris – he is about to send copies of the documents.

XI. World Jewish Congress – It is actually anonymous. Only print - header evoked seriousness and the fact that the clerk's cousin called.

XII. Documents – analyze

XIII. Dairy – Ojlang – fight for not adding, or skip if the prosecutor does not set up. Doesn't give facts.

XIV. Bibow's trial in Bremen in 1947 - During the trial, Bibow was accusing Rumkowski, claiming that he was afraid of him. Bibow claimed that he was afraid to do something good for the Jews because of Rumkowski.

- XV. Witness Tykocinski – Blajwajs wanted money, and in the meantime he offered to do business with Gertler. (blond and ...)
- XVI. The recruitment of witnesses - some sort of secret strength works.
- XVII. Mas Am Locken
- Commission, in which Gertler participates.
  - Event in (...) Gertler at the presidential table with Piekacz, Dr. Hofman, representatives of the refugees.
- XVIII. Szamaj Rozenblaum – While addressing events at Mas Am Locken, Gertler was at the presidential table.
- XIX. Witness Regenfitz – appeared in Mertzels trial, wanted to use us.
- XX. Witness: Grunbaum, Wolf Kleiner, Pinkus Nachmanowitz – in Mertzels trial
- XXI. Witness Dawidowicz - did not appear
- XXII. Witness Erlich - food stamps
- XXIII. Witness Trau - was considered by the judge's investigation in Lodz
- XXIV. Lecter Churban – No. 1 and no. 2.
- XXV. Morgen – on Friday September 16<sup>th</sup> 1949 announcement made by Rywrtz about the book:
- “Churban Lodz”
  - Calls witnesses against Gertler, strong but at the same time weak accusation, tries to use provocation
- XXVI. Questions to Gertler:
1. What others sources of income he used to have before the war. (interventions in Internal Revenue Service)
  2. Did he save 3 people from the gallows
  3. Bleiewis – businesses
- XXVII. Majer Gutman – prostitution witness - They met Gertler in July or August 1945; Majer Gutman and Weinberg (“Tatele”) were very happy to see him; at the same time Gutman read to him songs from the Lodz ghetto – Why didn't he accuse him back then?
- XXVIII. Szamaj Rozenblaum – often used to see Gertler on the Committee in Munchen

XXIX. –

XXX. Documents – Why were there no documents signed from July 15<sup>th</sup> 1941 to “Szpera” – September 1942 – because everything was sent by Kliger. During “Szpera” Kliger was ill with typhoid, so that’s why I had to sign those documents. A marginal number of documents were signed by me.

XXXI. To ask Gertler:

4. After “Szpera”, did the following documents exist in Sonderabteilung:
  - Dawid’s Gertler - gefund
  - Der Baricht fun Fund
5. Germans couldn’t enter to the ghetto, German authorities and Gestapo could enter with special permit from Polizei – Präsidium [the main Police office – U.M.]

Jidisze Bilde - to take mine

Verdict about the scripts - rigged certificate that I work for C7C (...) Verdict acquitting.  
My (...) – in Gestapo – fiction, receipt for payment.