

DOCTOR OUCH - HURTS

Plenty of people probably know world – famous story about charitable animated character Doctor Ouch- Hurts, who wasn't afraid of danger and decided to go to Africa due to the diseased animals. Doctor Tsemakh Shabad, who lived in Vilnius, is a prototype of this fairy- tale personage. Tsemakh Shabad (1864–1935) was a Jewish doctor, social and political activist. Since 1919 till dead doctor was Vilnius city's council member, also he participated in litvakai organization activities, worked at the jewish hospital and Mishmeres Khoilym community's hospital. Tsemakh Shabad was well – known person not only in the Lithuania, but was prominet and behind Vilnius bounds. Doctor communicated with that period Europe intellectuals such as Albert Einstein, Antanas Smetona, was known with one of the Jo`zef Pilsudski brothers. Before 11 years there was built a monument, created by Romualdas Kvintas. This sculpture is dedicated to Doctor Tsemakh Shabad. The statue is



situated on Dysnos g. not far from the junction with Mėsinij g. and in the heart of what was once the jewish ghetto. Tsemakh Shabad paid special attention to children's health, especially to poor children and their problems. Korney Chukovsky, the author of the Doctor Ouch – Hurts fairy – tale, written in memoirs, that he got acquainted with dotor in Vilnius, in 1912. Korney Chukovsky said, that Tsemakh Shabad was one of the most pleasant people, who he had met. Tsemakh Shabad treated children and the poor for free. If small girl, who is sick, went to him, he will give her milk or food instead of medicines. Next day, you can saw that girl with her cat and after few days there was plenty of children near his door. In a short article called “How I Wrote the Story *Doctor Aybolit*,” Chukovsky wrote, “I thought of it back before the October Revolution because I met the real Doctor Ouch - Hurts, who lived in Vilnius. His name was Dr. Shabad. He was the kindest person I ever met in my life. He treated the children of the poor for free. Children didn't just come to

him by themselves, they also brought their sick pets. So I thought how wonderful it would be to write a story about such a kind doctor.” The monument shows street life efect and is first street sculpture in Vilnius and all over Lithuania.