The earliest mention of Jews in Błażowa dates back to the mid-17th century. During the economic boom in the second half of the 19th century, they became the town's financial elite, acquiring real estate, investing in trade, and establishing credit and economic associations. Social and cultural life also flourished during this period. However, the economic crisis of the late 19th century led many Jews to emigrate, primarily to the United States. Błażowa was recognised as a centre of Hasidism. Before World War I, Rabbi Tzvi Elimelech Szapiro, known as Tzvi Latzaddik and the grandson of Tzvi Elimelech of Dynów, lived in the town.

Before the outbreak of World War II, the Jewish community in Błażowa numbered over 900 individuals. During the occupation, due to the resettlement of people from other towns, this number increased to approximately 1,100. An open ghetto was established, and its residents were ultimately resettled to the Rzeszów ghetto in June 1942, from where they were transported to the Bełżec extermination camp, where they were murdered. After the war, the Jewish community in Błażowa did not recover.

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