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TOZ¹

The TOZ Society [for the Protection of Health], whose Central [Office] was in Warsaw, established a branch in Częstochowa in 1923. From its foundation and onwards, the leader and chief physician was Dr Stefan Kohn-Kolin. The Society ran the following departments:

- 1) A section for school-hygiene - its manager was Dr Leon Gutman.
- 2) A section for patients suffering lung-disease, with its own outpatient clinic, an x-ray room and a bacteriology laboratory, [all] under the management of Dr Julian Lipiński.
- 3) A section for the care of mothers and children, [named] "Drop of Milk". It was managed by Mrs Dr Orliński.
- 4) A dental surgery - managed by Dr Perc.
- 5) A physical-therapy room under Dr Julian Lipiński's management.
- 6) The summer-camp, which was established in 1930, had its own building in Ostrów - worth 10,000 złoty - and was founded by Dr Stefan Kohn-Kolin's family, in memory of [one of their relatives], Bolesław Tempel. The camp was managed by the female Dr Lipinski, with the active collaboration of the [TOZ] secretary, Jakow Rozyner.
- 7) A section for school and *cheder* children's nutrition, managed by the female Dr Lipinski.
- 8) Vaccination campaigns for the prevention of contagious diseases.

Five doctors were employed by TOZ and its budget of 1939 reached 120,000 złoty. About 15,000 people were treated [annually].

In conclusion, it is worth mentioning that, thanks to the secretary Jakow Rozyner, who had great organisational skills, the Society, together with its helpers and management, brought the Częstochowa population the greatest of benefits.



The TOZ summer-camp in Mstów

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(The last report from the TOZ to the Czenstochover Relief in New York)

Częstochowa, 5th February 1939
To the *Częstochower landsleit* in New York

Dear Friends,

We hereby confirm the receipt of 50 dollars (fifty), for which we received 263 *złoty* and 50 *grosz* at the Polish governmental bank.

At this opportunity, we consider it our obligation to provide you with a brief overview of our work in recent times.

As you know, we are conducting broad activities in the field of health, giving special consideration to the prophylactic safeguarding of the health of the Jewish populace.

The need of the Jewish masses, which grows from day to day due to the antisemitic hatred on the one hand, and the [fact that] Jewish craftsmen and retailers are being pushed out from their erstwhile livelihoods on the other, has considerably increased the number of families turning to the TOZ for aid.

The events in the close vicinity of Częstochowa, of which you are well aware, have forced us to broaden our [scope of] activity to include the hapless and darkened little *shtetls*, such as Kłobuck, Krzepice, Truskolasy, Konięcpol, Kamyk, Miedzno, Mstów, Przyrów, Janów, Olsztyn and others.

These last months, has seen concern over those expelled from Germany. We have been compelled to take these unfortunate ones, also, under our auspices, providing them with medical assistance, children's camps, etc.

The parents' difficult situation has influenced the state of the children's health. We have been forced to set up a camp in Blachownia, near Częstochowa, also in the winter months. There, we cared for 42 children of those deported from Germany and 87 children from Częstochowa and the vicinity.

Today, we feed 1,547 children in the schools, *cheders* and kindergartens. In Częstochowa itself, we feed 605 children from the following

educational institutions: the Peretz Kindergartens, the *Dobroczytność* Kindergarten, *Beis Yaakov* [Girl's] School, *Machzikei Ha'Das* [Upholders of Religion] and the Talmud-Torah, [and] in the little *shtetls* in the Częstochowa vicinity:

Konięcpol	-----	135	
			children
Kłobuck	-----	98	"
Krzepice	-----	90	"
Przyrów	-----	70	"
Mstów	-----	64	"
Truskolasy	-----	55	"
Kamyk	-----	36	"
Miedzno	-----	30	"
Kuźnica	-----	25	"
Olsztyn	-----	25	"
Janów	-----	24	"
Przystajń	-----	22	"
Kocin	-----	22	"
Panki	-----	<u>16</u>	"
Outside Częstochowa we feed		712	

The TOZ, however, was unable to be satisfied with this activity, because the need is too great, and it was compelled to also carry out a clothing and footwear campaign.

All these operations of ours consume great sums of money, strength and energy.

With minimal aid from the official state organs, we are forced to operate under huge deficits. But we must not pay heed to this, and we cannot even reduce the scope of such urgent and vital work for the Jewish population in general, and for the Jewish child in particular.

You will be able to become better acquainted with our TOZ activity from our annual report, which will be ready in April, [and] which we will send you.

We remain in the full certainty and faith in your further positive aid.

With fraternal greetings from home,

President: Dr S. Kolin

Secretary: J. Rozyner