

***Chazukes*¹**

Although the Society is built upon democratic foundations, certain *chazukes* have been established to perform respective honourable functions, which are carried out conscientiously and worthily by the *chazuke* holders.

Rabbi Benjamin Borzykowski *shlita* has the *chazuke* to hold, every year, a eulogy at the memorial services. The grounds for this are that, since his arrival in Montreal in 1949, he has performed this duty in a conscientious manner.

Dr Benjamin Orenstein, the Society's General Secretary, has the *chazuke* to be one of the main speakers at the memorial services. The grounds for this are that he has been one of the main speakers at the memorial services since the 1946. While he was in Germany, he made appearances in the years 1946, 1947 and 1948 at the central services held by the Central Administration of the *Częstochower Landsmannschaften* in the American Zone in Germany and, since 1949, upon arriving in Montreal, he has performed this function in a conscientious manner. He has also appeared as guest speaker at the *Częstochower* memorial services in Toronto and New York.

Harry Klein, the Society's Treasurer, has the *chazuke* to appear at the memorial services as one of the main speakers. The grounds for this are that, since his arrival in Montreal at the end of 1948, he has performed this duty conscientiously.

Szlojme Lerner, who is one of the Society's Seniors, has the *chazuke* to say *Kaddish* at the memorial services. The grounds for this are that, since his arrival in Montreal in 1955, he has performed this duty conscientiously.

Reb Szlojme Lerner passed away while this book was being printed.

Bikur Cholim

The Society, being true to the traditions of our home of old, views the matter of *bikur cholim* as a point and obligation of honour. The visiting of a sick *landsmann* by a delegation of the Society has a very great psychological significance, and oftentimes has more effect on the patient than the best medications.

The Committee is made up of volunteers, who view this office as a duty of honour. The Chairman of the Committee is Abram Kamiński.

A delegation from the *Bikur Cholim* Committee, upon going on a visit, concurrently brings with it a gift for the ailing individual.

¹ [TN: In Halachic terms, a "chazuke", aka "chazokeh" (Heb., חזקה, "presumption"), is presumptive status of permanence that is established when an event repeats itself three times.]

Sefer Ha'Zchus

The Society keeps a special book in which the names of those to whom material aid is sent are recorded. The book contains rubrics: name, surname, when the letter was received, when and what was sent, and also the response.

The management of this book is considered a most honourable office and it is held, very conscientiously, by Mrs S. Ickowicz. This position demands special qualifications, which Mrs S. Ickowicz possesses. The office has therefore become a matter of *chazuke*. The activity is carried out as secret charity².

Financial Means

From where does the Society take financial means?

The system of charging membership fees has been done away with. The income is, therefore, from:

- a one-time campaign, which is called "*Mo'os Chitin*" and is conducted from Purim to Pesach;
- every year, the Ladies Auxiliary holds a large-scale "money shower" and bazaar;
- an annual ball is also held for those liberated from the concentration camps; and
- from *mazkir-neshumes-gelt*³ at the entrance to the memorial services.

² [TN: This would presumably mean that almost no one would have been allowed to view the contents of the book, in order to preserve the anonymity of the recipients.]

³ [TN: Heb. + Yid., "Money (for the) commemoration (of) souls"; charity given for the benefit of the souls of the deceased.]