

Dr Henryk (Herszl) Lajzerowicz RIP



The death of Dr Henryk Lajzerowicz RIP is a great loss for his family, comrades, friends and *landsleit*.

Henryk Lajzerowicz's parents, Reb Dawid and his mother Cywia [née Gorska], had a colonial goods shop on ul. Strażacka in Częstochowa, in Kopl Berliner's building. Despite not being wealthy folk, they nevertheless made an effort for their children to receive a university education and become professionals. The family consisted of five offspring - three sons and two daughters.

Henryk was the eldest son. He studied dentistry and became a dentist. The second [son], Leopold, was a medical doctor, who died in New York in 1965. The third, Bernard, studied law and became a barrister - he lives in Montreal.

While still a student in university, Henryk was dominated by socialist ideas. He briefly belonged to the Socialist Party, and then became an active member of the Bund. He was involved in an entire array of institutions, playing leading roles - such as, for example, committee member of the ŻTG-S¹ Gymnastics-Sporting Association, Chairman of the Morgensztern² [Sports Organisation]; committee member of the Medem Library; committee member of the Jewish section of the [Society] for the Knowledge of the Country and Nature³, which was under the leadership of B. Ajsurowicz, and in a whole series of other institutions. He was [also] a member of the Bund's City Committee for many years.

In 1923, the [Bundist organ] *Arbeiter Zeitung* [Workers' Newspaper] began to appear, and Henryk took over the position of administrator - which, in other words, means that his task was to see to the material existence of the newspaper. The paper existed for three years and this is, without any doubt, thanks to his tireless efforts in raising the financial means for the paper's existence.

During the times of the Second World Slaughter, Dr Henryk Lajzerowicz was in the Soviet Union. He travelled back to Poland following the War and lived in Łódź, where he worked at the local health service as a dentist.

In 1948, Dr Henryk Lajzerowicz and his wife left Poland. For a time, they first stayed in Belgium and, later, arrived in Montreal, Canada.

¹ [TN: Acronym of the Polish "Żydowskie Towarzystwo Gimnastyczno-Sportowe", or Jewish Gymnastics-Sporting Association.]

² [TN: Yid., "Morning Star".]

³ [TN: Most likely ref. to the Żydowskie Towarzystwo Krajoznawcze w Polsce (ŻTK), or the Jewish Society for Knowledge of the Country in Poland, which was most probably affiliated to the greater Polskie Towarzystwo Krajoznawcze (Polish Society for Knowledge of the Country).]

In Montreal, Dr Henryk Lajzerowicz was active in the Arbeiter Ring [Workmen's Circle], the Bundist Organisation and the Czenstochover *Landsmanshaft* where, for some time, he held the office of *Landsmannschaft* Chairman.

All those who worked alongside him in the communal life, all those who knew him and all his comrades and friends, will never forget him.

Honoured be his memory!