

The First *Yizkor* Service

The first *Yizkor* service, commemorating the martyrs and heroes, which was arranged by the Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society of Montreal, was held on 17th February 1946.

The religious ceremony was conducted by Cantor Abraham Matz.

Rabbi Dr Ch. Denberg delivered an address entitled *The Duty of the Jewish People at the Present Time*. George Klein's address was dedicated to the destruction of the Cześćochowa Jewry. The Society's legal advisor, Leon Krystal QC, made a moving appeal for reconstructive aid for the surviving Jews - for the remnants of the destruction.

The two delegates of the Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society of Toronto, David Birenholtz and Harry Goldberg, conveyed their acknowledgement to the *landsleit* in Montreal for having founded the Czenstochover Aid Society.

A. Mayerowicz and Szlomo Grund spoke of the deceased Nora Klein z"l. Grund also read a poem, which the deceased had written shortly prior her death, about the destruction of European Jewry.

Guest speaker at the service was Raphael Federman from New York, who gave a lengthy speech on the life, struggle and destruction of Cześćochowa Jewry and regarding the state of the Holocaust survivors.

The Chairman of this impressive *Yizkor* ceremony was Harry Berk.

Three hundred dollars were raised at the service.