

## Welcome Celebrations

Each time a guest arrives, a welcome celebration is held. Up to this time, the Society has had an entire array of guests.

Raphael Federman from New York has been twice in Montreal. The first time was in 1949 - a celebratory meeting of the Executive was held and he gave a report on the establishment of a World Secretariat, which would publish special bulletins on *Częstochowa* issues. At that same meeting, the prominent *landsmann* Rabbi Benjamin Borzykowski, who had then just arrived, was festively welcomed.

The second time, Raphael Federman visited in the summer of 1956. At the time, on 29<sup>th</sup> July 1956, a conference was held at the Shawbridge summer resort, which took all day and [where] a whole series of issues were discussed, such as coordination, constructive aid and the book *Czenstochov* [1958]. Mrs Genia Federman, Motl Berkowicz and Szoham (all from New York) also took part in the conference. The entire Executive, as well as active male and female *landsleit*, participated in the conference.

In 1954, a guest arrived from New York - Mrs Chaja'le Rothman - and a special meeting was held for that occasion, at which she delivered reports regarding the activities of the [Czenstochover] Relief Committee and Ladies Auxiliary of New York.

In 1956, a guest arrived from the State of Israel - Mrs Hela Szneur, the sister of the Society's Chairman at the time, Kuba Goldberg. A general meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 1956 at the *Arbeiter-Ring*, and Mrs Hela Szneur gave a lecture on the general situation in the State of Israel and particularly concentrated on the situation of the *Częstochower landsleit*.

The Society has also had an entire array of [other] guests, such as Szmul Orbach, Flw Rajzman and Lajbel Edelist (all three from the State of Israel), Dr Wolf Gliksman from Philadelphia, Bernard Fajtek from Chicago, Lajbisz Birenbaum and his son Szlojme Birenbaum, Kopl Konarski from Belgium, Lajb Bergman from Paris, Icek Woznica from Israel and others.

The Society has also had its own members from Montreal visiting the State of Israel - namely Mr and Mrs Kuba Goldberg, Mr and Mrs Mojsze Lewkowicz, Mr and Mrs Aron Birenbaum, Berl Ickowicz (Chairman of the Society), and Szmul Prokosz with his son Josef, whose *bar-mitzvah* was celebrated in the State of Israel.