

## The Book Committee

### ***“Gmilus Chassodim”*<sup>\*</sup> Funds**

The first *“Gmilus Chassodim”* fund, located at ul. Pilsudskiego #31, existed for almost twenty years.

Its activity began with quite a small sum, but it developed continuously and reached over ten thousand *złoty* of its own capital. This enabled it to give out thousands of loans, thus aiding hundreds of craftsmen and small retailers in their struggle to survive.

The *Prezes* of the *“Gmilus Chassodim”* fund, the lawyer Koniarski, worked for the fund with great devotion and, from time to time, lent it money from his own private capital, something which other activists did not do.

Koniarski always endeavoured that every Jew, a small retailer or a craftsman, who requested a loan, should receive it, and as quickly as possible, above all before the New Year, when they needed [the money] to buy the licenses to conduct their businesses or workshops.

In the last years, before the onset of the Second World War, the board of management of the *“Gmilus Chassodim”* fund comprised the lawyer Goldberg, Grin, Haftka, Warmund, Weksler and Szumacher.



There was also a second *“Gmilus Chassodim”* fund in Częstochowa, under the name of *“Ahavas Achim”* [Brotherly Love], which worked very devotedly for its members.

Its board of management comprised Abram Grynszpan, Chaim Wajnholc, Józef Zajdman, Chaim Lancman, Chaim Isaak Pacanowski, Jakób Rozenberg and Majer Szmulewicz. Representatives were Ajzensztajn, Fajer, Frank and Przedborski. The auditing committee was made up of Zinger, Kolin and Szternberg.

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<sup>\*</sup> [Translator's note: Pronounced *“Gmiles Chassudim”* in Poland; Heb.; lit., "the bestowal of loving kindness". A *“Gmiles Chassudim fund”* grants loans without interest.]