

The Book Committee

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In the *Yizkor* Book [in memory] of the martyrs of the community of Żarki, Pinchas Laudon, a member of [*kibbutz*] "Ein Ha'Shofet", who was born in Żarki, recounts his memories of the town.

In his memoirs, he describes the local "*Ha'Shomer Ha'Tzair*" cell and, among other things, he also mentions Leibel Horowicz - a Częstochowa man - the youth instructor.



Here is the place to mention a member, who did much in the cell's organisation and instruction in that period - Leibel Horowicz z''l (his younger brother is a long-standing member of the "Mishmar Ha'Emek" kibbutz). He was the son of the owner of a metal factory in Częstochowa. Leibel Horowicz came to town twice a week and engaged in the instruction of the older and younger groups.

When we are mindful of how little voluntary, political and organisational work is done nowadays in Israel, in all parties from left to right, we may appreciate this relatively, not-so-young member's willingness to set aside his personal affairs and come to a small town, about two hours' journey away, to instruct a few dozen adolescent boys and girls.

I remember what spirit of happiness and joy of youth this member instilled in our lives, how much he succeeded in engaging our thoughts around every topic about which he spoke, the fervent dances to exhaustion and the impassioned singing. Indeed, a new spirit had come to the remote roadside town.

As the cell evolved, meetings were arranged from time to time with different groups from the Częstochowa cell.

(This same Leibel Horowicz was shot in 1942, in the yard of his father's factory by the accursed Nazis, may their name be obliterated. Blessed be his memory and may God avenge his spilt blood!)