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Zvi Herszel Lipszyc *hy''d*

He was the librarian at the Y.L. Peretz library.

Who does not remember the scrawny figure of Herszel Lipszyc, who deemed the exchange of books his life's purpose, as a way to propagate education and knowledge among the Jewish masses, for whom the book he lent them was perhaps their only source of education?

Whoever has not witnessed Lipszyc's interest in the reader standing before him, and his fierce determination to find the book that would interest him and broaden his knowledge, cannot estimate how devoted he was to his calling - spreading enlightenment and knowledge among the common folk!

(This selflessness was amply demonstrated in its full glory and splendour during the occupation - when the Nazi invaders had closed down the library and appropriated its premises to their "needs".

The library was then moved to a private home, where Lipszyc conducted the exchange of books secretly, literally putting his own life at stake. The few friends-volunteers, who aided him in this dangerous endeavour, are also praiseworthy.)