

## The Book Committee

# A Celebration at the Zofja Wajnsztok School

We have not been able to obtain details about this school which held an important position among the educational institutions in our bygone Częstochowa.

But we have been able to find a report which was published, at the time, in a Częstochowa Jewish newspaper.

To immortalise the school's name in our "Yizkor Book", below, we present a summary of the report:



*A class at the Zofja Wajnsztok school, together with the headmaster, Prof L. Wajnsztok and some teachers*

The annual school-reports distribution ceremony, at the school named after the renowned pedagogue Zofja Wajnsztok, was conducted in the school's garden, which was beautifully decorated and, at the entrance, a finely-made, large school flag fluttered.

The garden was fully packed with the students and their parents.

The headmaster, Mr L. Wajnsztok, opened the ceremony with a eulogy for the Land of Israel's martyrs and heroes, who had been killed in the struggle for the redemption of the land and for its building. Those assembled honoured the martyrs' memory by standing while listening to the eulogy.

Next, the school-choir sang "*Hatikvah*" and the headmaster delivered his speech, stressing that the sounds of our National Anthem must strengthen belief in the hope that Jewish youth, with its passion and heroism, would overcome all difficulties and would redeem and build our National Home in the Land of Israel.

After the distribution of the school-reports and the special acknowledgment of the best students, the President of the Parents' Committee, Mr H. Hercberg, proposed that the memory of the deceased Zofja Wajnsztok be honoured with a minute's silence. He thanked the headmaster and teaching staff for their commitment in educating the youth in the National spirit. Mr Hercberg also mentioned that, twenty years earlier, he too had been a pupil of the school and expressed that he was content that his son, also, was being so well educated there, as a Jew and as a person.

A grade 7 student, Pachter, then delivered an interesting report on the activity of the independent students' council. School graduate, Gutka Rabinowicz, thanked the headmaster and teaching staff for their good teaching and the education they had given those who were now leaving the school - "*We shall always be proud of what we learned here!*", she concluded. With the singing of "*Hatikvah*", the ceremony ended.