

The Book Committee

Zionist News from Past Year*

Certificates Distributed

From the number which the Palestine Bureau in Warsaw has received in November 1924, the Palestine Bureau in Częstochowa gave certificate to the following pioneers: Sz. Zolondz, Rajcher, A. Kohn, N. Szczekacz, J. Berkowicz and H. Fajnsztadt, in all six certificates.

On the Work of "*Keren Ha'Yesod*"

Jechiel Joachimowicz, Chairman of "*Keren Ha'Yesod*" in Częstochowa, announces that the fundraiser in Częstochowa has been successful. Around 23,000 *złoty* were collected, 8,000 *złoty* more than a year ago. We hope that, from the eighty donors whom we have yet to visit, we shall receive a sum of 5,000 *złoty*.

On "*Keren Kayemeth Lelsrael*"

Over the course of the months Tishrei-Adar [Sep.-Feb] 1936, the proceedings of "*Keren Kayemeth*" in Częstochowa were: 3,742.65 *złoty* (of which "*The Zionist Youth*", alone, gathered 631.51 *złoty*).

Elections to the Zionist Congress

The elections to the 21st Zionist Congress had the following results in Częstochowa:

Of the general total of 3,321 shekel-buyers, only 2,391 voted, being around seventy percent. The votes were [thus] divided:

"*Al Ha'Mishmar*" [On Guard] – 227 votes, *World-Federation* – 62, "*Mizrachi*" – 606, "*Jewish State Party*" – 78, "*League for the Working Land of Israel*" – 1,120, Leftist "*Poalei Zion*" - 204, "*The Zionist Youth*" - 94 votes – in total: 2,391.

The Wola Rabbi Travels to the Land of Israel

Reb Meier Henoeh Jiszajewicz, who was a teacher in Częstochowa for 23 years and was very much involved in the field of education, has made a name for himself as a good and competent pedagogue.

In the War-years of 1914-1919, he started issuing a calendar, which distinguished itself with its accuracy and was distributed in a large number in Poland, as well as abroad.

When Rabbi Jiszajewicz with his family, after two years of preparations, travelled to the Land of Israel, many of his friends and acquaintances gathered at the train-station, led by the local rabbi and communal representatives.

* Remark from the editors: This information is gathered from the contemporary Częstochowa press.

To the sound of "*Hatikvah*", which was sung by the youth who came to see off the Rabbi and his children, the train continued on its way.

A Member of "*Akiva*" Leaves For a *Kibbutz*

At the cell of the youth organisation "*Akiva*", a farewell-evening was held for the departure of the member Bratt to a *kibbutz*.

In a festive atmosphere, Dov Cymerman also passed the "*Akiva*" banner to him. Members Fizman, Cymerman and Goldman gave presentations. Rajzman recited a poem that he dedicated to Bratt, in honour of his travelling to the *kibbutz*.

An *Akademia* for the 100th birthday of "*Mendele Moycher Sforim*"*

A couple of days afterwards, an *akademia* was held at the "*Akiva*" premises, dedicated to the hundred-year jubilee of "*Mendele Moycher Sforim*".

* [Translator's note: lit. "Mendele the book peddler", S. J. Abramovitch, was a Jewish author and one of the founders of modern Yiddish and Hebrew literature.]