

KUTNO TOWNSMEN IN THE UNITED STATES

(according to a press report)

Several years ago, the main activity of the Kutner townsmen society [*landsmanshaft*] in New-York was concentrated around the preparation towards publishing our Yizkor book – the memorial book to perpetuate the echoes of the Jewish community in our country. The publication of

such Yizkor books was, in the land of America, directly the result of the joint work of earlier Jewish immigrants and newly-arrived Kutners, after World War II. All undertook the holy work with enthusiasm and tenacity, causing the renewed activity of our "society" in New York.



Memorial meeting of the former Kutno residents in New York. On the right – a view of the attendance. The organizers (from left to right): Bibergal, Gajer, Trunk, Z. Zomer, Rabbi Lubart and G. Fogel (speaking)

On the 22nd anniversary of the Kutno martyrdom, for the first time in America, a funeral ceremony was held in honor of the Kutner Jews who died, assassinated by the Nazis murderers. The ceremony was impressive and with traditional dignity. On the 9th of May, the compatriots met again, this time in a festive meeting commemorating the 19th anniversary of the liberation from Hitlerism and the 16th Independence Day of the State of Israel. After the speakers talked about the two topics, the question of the Yizkor book was tackled. And then occurred a truly moving scene. Among the attendance was a compatriot who had left Kutno after the end of the previous century, Heiman Elbaum of New York. Our friend Elbaum was greatly touched by the work of the Kutner former residents in the big American city and declared his unending support for the publication of our Yizkor book, to which he contributed 200 dollars and promised to give more. He took that opportunity to relate interesting details from the old Kutno times and on his part in the relief action for the city, which had greatly suffered from a fire in the year 1906.

In New York up to this day, a Kutner committee was active, at the head of which were: the historian and writer Yeshayahu Trunk, Rabbi Lubart and the journalist Gershon Fogel. All efforts have been made so that those born in America, with their specific conditions and limited opportunities for social work, to continue the "Kutner spirit" so as to keep contacts between compatriots in New York and maintain solidarity, cooperation and assistance to the former residents in the State of Israel and other countries.

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