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Rav Chaim Ozer made a lasting impression on the great Rabbonim of Vilna and one of the most prominent of these, Rav Eliyohu Eleazar Shirvinter, z.t.l., who was among the leaders of the Vaad Harabonim (which was in complete charge of the religious affairs of the city, ever since the death of the previous Rav, Rav Shmuel z.t.l., after which time it was decided not to accept any other chief Rav of Vilna) and the son-in-law of the great Godol, Rav Yisroel Salanter z.t.l., wished to have Rav Chaim Ozer for his son-in-law. How welcome was this news in the home of Rav Chaim Ozer's family. His father, who was a childhood friend of Rav Eliyohu Eleazer, was overjoyed at marrying his son to the granddaughter of his Rebbe, Rav Yisroel Salanter.

At the age of 20, Rav Chaim Ozer was married and settled permanently in Vilna, at the home of his father-in-law, who was not only a learned scholar and famous Godol, but a devoted and tireless worker for the community as well. In this work Rav Chaim Ozer soon joined and his wisdom and tender heart aroused all of Vilna. It was but a short time before he became widely known as a great Talmudic scholar and a Godol in wisdom and action.