

be served if Rav Chaim Ozer would visit the United States of America. Only his enormous prestige would influence American Jewry to support the organization. Rav Chaim Ozer sadly declined, explaining that his doctors had forbidden him to undertake such an extensive trip. 'Had I known that the trip would in any way affect your health,' said the Chofetz Chaim upon hearing this, 'I never would have suggested it. For it is my opinion that in you the Jewish people finds its greatest asset in the world today!' When, as fund-raising project, a Sefer Torah was written and dedicated to the memory to the sainted Chofetz Chaim and letters were sold to the public, the high honor of purchasing the first 'Posuk' was unanimously accorded to Rav Chaim Ozer

The Vaad Hayeshivoth met with great success. Many Yeshivoth were under its supervision, as were scores of other Torah institutions. Approximately five thousand talmidim at one time were learning in the yeshivoth under the sponsorship of the Vaad.

Particularly through the Vaad Hayeshivoth, Rav Chaim Ozer came into constant personal contact with the great Roshei Yeshivoth of Europe. The revered sages of the age were universal in their respect for him and their adherence to his counsel. 'Since the passing of my Rebbe (Rav Chaim Soloveitchik) I have taken Rav Chaim Ozer as my Rebbe and counselor', said Rav Boruch Ber Leibovitz, z.t.l., Kaminetzer Ros Yeshiva. Rav Yeruchim Levovitz, Mashgiach of the Mirer Yeshivah, often said, 'Rav Chaim Ozer is the greatest treasure of our generation. If we only knew how to honor and appreciate the wonderful gift which the L-rd has generously given to our generation!' Rav Shimon Shkop, z.t.l., of Grodno, Rav Elchanan Wasserman z.t.l., of Baranowitz and yavdil lechaim, Rav Aaron Kotler, Kletzker Rosh Yeshiva and Rav Eliezer Yehudah Finkel, Mirer Rosh Yeshiva, the