

CHAPTER THREE

CHARITY AND KINDNESS

Rav Chaim Ozer took personal charge of the records of the enormous charities centered in Vilna. Large sums of money were daily donated in his trust to dispose of at his discretion to needy individuals, Klall and Torah institutions. Scrupulous in the distribution of the funds entrusted to him, Rav Chaim Ozer himself attended to the accounting and keeping of the 'Tzedokoh' books. Not even a miscalculation of one cent ever passed through his hands.

The irreplaceable and invaluable records were lost one day, but, without much hesitation, Rav Chaim Ozer rewrote the entire volume of countless names, numbers and signs, from beginning to end, completely from memory. Some time later, the original records were found and when the two volumes were compared, it was discovered that there was absolutely no difference between them - every line had been copied exactly, every name was in its proper place!

Many millions of dollars passed through Rav Chaim Ozer's hands, among these were funds for orphans and widows, money coming from other countries and other continents on behalf of the Vaad Hayeshivos, hospital aid, help for the destitute, particularly in Russia, 'Kupas Rav Meir Ba'al Haness', and many other philanthropies.