

Report on KOROSTYSHEV, Kievskaya Gubernia.

Korostyshev is situated on the Brest-Litovsk Road, 105 versts from Kiev, and 28 versts distance from Jitomir.

	Before pogroms	At present
General population of Korstyshev	6,000	6,800
Jewish	3,000	3,525

The greater part of the Jewish population is engaged in small trade and handicrafts.

Before the civil war, there existed in the town 13 small cloth-factories in which 500 persons were employed, out of whom 450 were Jewish (girls). There also existed a lighting-match factory in which some scores of Jews were employed; this factory is closed up. At present, there exists in the town only a paper-mill in which 250 persons are working, out of whom 80 are Jews.

The town underwent no pogroms, owing to the self-defence organisation which existed there. The troops of Denikin which were in 30 versts' distance from the town, tried to pillage it, but were driven away by the Red Army. Nevertheless, there is a great number of orphans and half-orphans in the town; these are orphans of refugees from neighboring places.

Part of these children are being taken care of by the Children Home for 35 children, which has been organised and is subventioned by the J. D. C.

Until now, the Home received for feeding \$111 in cash. It was also supplied by the J. D. C. with underwear, shoes, and clothing. Recently, the following was issued to the Home:

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29 pairs underwear (for children)
29 summer dresses
29 warm dresses

In view of the particularly hard conditions of the personnel and the energy displayed by it in its work, 6 sweaters and 2 clothing packages were issued to it.

The Home has a large (about 15 acres) patch of land attached to it consisting of 6 dessiatins which is being cultivated exclusively by the personnel and the children. Besides the profit received by the Home from that land, the children successfully go through a practical course of agriculture. At present the Home possesses:

150	podds	rye	
50	"	oats	
800	"	potatoes	
15	"	millet	
12	"	onions,	and large amounts of other

vegetables. The Home has also 2 cows, 10 geese, and 30 fowls.

The pedagogical work is also carried on successfully.

There also exists in Korostyshev a Jewish Public School which is attended by 200 children. The School is in need of repairs and school appliances.

In December 1922, ten food packages were distributed by the J. D. C. individually among the neediest population of the town.

The Home for Aged which exists in the town (for 20 persons) leads a miserable existence in view of the fact that it receives no assistance from anywhere.

The Soviet Hospital functioning in the town, serves but very little of the Jewish population; the town is in need of an Ambulatory which would supply the population with medicaments free of charge.

As was already mentioned in our letter of August 14th, 1923, a fire occurred on August 2nd which destroyed 22 houses, 19 belonging to Jews, and 3 to poor peasants. Twenty-five families with the total number of persons -- 126, -- were deprived of home and shelter. Having investigated

the conditions of the victims of that fire on the spot, we found it necessary to issue additionally \$150 for the transportation of timber for construction of houses (over \$100 issued by us previously). However, the construction of the necessary number of houses will require a considerable sum of money, not less than \$5,000. It must be mentioned that one half of the timber is delivered to the victims of the fire by the government free of charge. The building of the houses can be done through the Loan-Saving Society which is being organised by us in the town.

B U D G E T

for Institutions existing in Korostyshev

	One time allocation	Monthly
<u>1. CHILD RELIEF.</u>		
<u>1. Closed Children Home for 35 children:</u>		
a. Additional equipment	\$300.00	
b. Monthly subvention		\$ 70.00
<u>2. Public School for 200 children:</u>		
a. Repairs & equipment	\$300.00	
b. Monthly maintenance		\$ 50.00
<u>II. SOCIAL RELIEF.</u>		
<u>1. Home for Aged for 20 persons.</u>		
a. Repairs & Equipment	\$200.00	
b. Monthly maintenance		\$ 40.00
<u>III. MEDICAL RELIEF</u>		
Organisation of the Ambulatory:		
a. Monthly maintenance		\$ 50.00
RELIEF TO THE VICTIMS OF THE FIRE -- CONSTRUCTION		
OF 22 HOUSES	\$5,000.00	
T o t a l --	\$5,800.00	\$210.00