

Częstochowa Delegation at the Unveiling of a Monument in Mallersdorf

At the end of April 1945, prior the final downfall of the Nazi regime, the inmates of many concentration camps in Germany were taken from city to city and many who, due to utter physical exhaustion could walk no further, were shot by the SS. Among the victims of the Nazi terror, there were also Częstochowa *landsleit*.

On 21st September 1947, a memorial ceremony was held in Mallersdorf, where sixty-seven Jewish victims were interred and a symbolic monument was erected in memory of the six million Jews who fell in Europe.

Those who took part in the funerary ceremony were:

- City Commissioner Dr Philip Auerbach,
- Director of the IRO [International Rescue Organisation] in Traunstein, Professor Enders¹;
- General Secretary for Foreign Affairs of the Central Committee of the Liberated Jews in the US Zone in Germany, Leon Retter;
- Rabbi Dr [Josef] Glatzer;
- Cantor [Saul] Schenker;
- representatives of the governing authorities, and
- an entire array of delegations, including a delegation of Częstochowa *landsleit*.

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¹ [TN: Appears on the following page as "Professor Endes"; as we have found no mention of him in other sources, we do not know which spelling is the correct one.]



Photo №. 53:

1) Chief Rabbi of Regensburg, [Rabbi Dr] Josef Glatzer, performs a prayer and delivers a speech at the unveiling of the monument; 2) Cantor [Saul] Schenker, and next to him, Dr Leon Retter, Dr Philip Auerbach and Engineer Kowalczyk, the designer of the monument; 3.) guards [standing] by the veiled monument – in the middle is the Częstochower landsmann Rubin Kurcbard; 4.) Prof Endes, and behind him a delegation of the German populace of Mellersdorf; 5.) City Commissioner Dr Philip Auerbach is giving a speech (Rudi Lachman is sitting at his side); 6.) guards [standing] by the unveiled monument; 7.) the flag-bearer Hersz Majerowicz (a Częstochower landsmann), and in the second row are Grojnem Chlewicki, Izrael Munowicz and Berl Aleksandrowicz; 8 and 9.) the delegation of Częstochower landsleit, in the same line-up as in photo 7; 10.) the procession of the people – the wreath is being carried by two Częstochowers, Berl and Frymet Holender; 11.) the entire Jewish population of Geiselhöring is marching, and among them are the Częstochower landsleit.