Material Sources

1. The author’s personal experiences and observations, who during the Nazi rule, from 26th September 1939 to 28th April 1942, was working in the sanitary service at the Zofiówka Sanatorium in Otwock. Once each week, he was in Warsaw and, in the year 1941 and the first months of 1942, he travelled officially, with patients, to Częstochowa during the time of the “Big Ghetto”. From 28th April 1942, he was in the Karczew [labour] camp until 22nd January 1943, from where he fled on 22nd January and was on the “Aryan side” in Warsaw. On 18th March 1943, he arrived in the Częstochowa “Small Ghetto”. At first, he worked in HASAG-Raków and, later, in HASAG-Pelcerry until 15th January 1945. On 15th January, he was evacuated to Buchenwald, where he was until 23rd January. On 24th January, he was transferred to the Dora concentration camp near Untersachsenhausen [sic Nordhausen], where he remained until 2nd April. On 2nd April, he was evacuated to Bergen-Belsen and, on 15th April 1945, he was liberated.

2. Testimonies taken from the following individuals (in alphabetical order):

   Abramowicz, Efroim
   Birenholc, Chaim
   Bomba, Abram
   Cukierman, Berek
   Cymerman, Josef
   Domb, Mojsze
   Adv. Epsztajn, Estera
   Finkelsztajn, Sala
   Dr Freiman, Arnold
   Freiman, Hanka
   Gelbard, Aron
   Gliksman, Hela
   Adv. Goldberg, Mendel
   Goldsztajn, Hersz
   Jakubowicz, Dawid
   Dr Kantor, Cwi
   Kornfeld, Frania
   Krauze, Mendel
   Kurland, Anna
   Kurland, Heinrich
   Kurland, Natan
   Laski, Roman
   Laski, Szymon
   Leszczyk, Mania
   Lewkowicz, Hersz
   Lichtensztajn, Marian
Our friend, the historian Dr Phillip Friedman, provided the author with sixteen documents from the Częstochowa Judenrat and Częstochowa Town Hall. These documents contain tables and statistical information on Jewish life in Częstochowa.

The largest part of the testimonies was personally taken by the author himself. A smaller part were sent, in written form, by members of the Central Administration of the Częstochower Landsmannschaft in the US Zone in Germany.

The members of the Central Administration of the Częstochower Landsmannschaft in the US Zone in Germany deserve special attention, recognition and thanks, for having studied the manuscripts in a meticulous and comprehensive manner, in addition to which they sent in valuable remarks and various episodes, essays and pictures. Chaim Birenholc, Roman Laski, Izrael Monowicz and Cwi Rozenwajn distinguished themselves in particular. The latter provided materials regarding the Arbeiterrat and a silhouette of the underground movement.
The author has introduced his own method for up-to-date historical research, which consists of the following system:

Firstly, he wrote down all his information on Częstochowa. He [then] sent the manuscript to the members of the Central Administration and to the members of the Cultural Commission that was formed specifically for this purpose and which is managed by the author. Those, who received the manuscript, studied the material thoroughly and sent it back to the author with their comments.

All these written comments, testimonies taken and correspondence have been meticulously and painstakingly set aside as study material and will be sent, by the author, to one of the principal archives that is engaged in studying the Jewish tragedy during the Nazi epoch.