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The East Bronx Czenstochover Society in New York

The *East Bronx Czenstochover Society* has existed already for more than twenty-five years. To be precise, we were already members of the *Częstochower* organisation in the former *Arbeiter Ring* branch. Following the split in the *Arbeiter Ring* branch, those who had split away founded their own organisation, under the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order*. When the Order was dissolved, the *Częstochower landsleit* in the Bronx reorganised under the name *East Bronx Czenstochover Society*.

It would take up too much space to enumerate the various fundraisers and operations which our Society has conducted, over the course of its existence, for our brothers and sisters in our hometown of old. Nevertheless, I shall mention a few of them.

Immediately in the years following the First World War, when Poland became independent and the situation of the Jews was a bitter one, we, the *East Bronx Czenstochover Society*, extended our brotherly hand to support our *landsleit*. The annual balls, the clothes campaigns, the raffles, the "Children's Home" and other operations by the [East] Bronx Czenstochover Society, found a broad echo in the hearts of our *landsmannschaft*.

Thus, to this very day, our Society is identified with every substantial operation for our *landsleit* overseas.

* [TN: Jewish section of the International Workers Order (IWO).]