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The Activity of the Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society in Los Angeles, CA.

There are around 40,000 Jews in Los Angeles, a very large proportion of whom live and breathe with the spirit of the Old Home. The Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society plays quite a significant role in social life here. We are part of the following institutions, which we support generously - Mount Sinai Hospital, City of Hope, the [California] Home for the Aged in Reseda, CA. and the Council for Jewish Organisations. We also contribute our annual share to the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

Our Society was founded in 1944. Our membership does not consist solely of Częstochowers - we have landsleit from Warsaw, Łódź, Nowo Radomsko, Kielce and also other cities. Our society has become deeply naturalised into local Jewish life and is considered an important institution. Nevertheless, we have not, for one minute, severed our ties with our landsleit on the other side of the ocean. We maintain close contact with Częstochower landsleit in Poland, Israel and Paris and, from time to time, we send our modest aid to that same sister organisation in Paris.

On behalf of the Los Angeles Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society, I congratulate you on your decision to publish this book, Czenstochov, about our hometown of old, which lives on in our hearts and which we shall never forget.