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## Society of *Częstochower Landsleit* in Argentina<sup>1</sup>

The Society of *Częstochower Landsleit* in Buenos Aires was founded in 1929. As the main task it set itself, was to provide *landsleit* in need, here locally, with material aid, in the form of loans on easy payment terms. The number of members then was small, because *Częstochower landsleit* showed no interest in the Society.

The leaders of the Society consisted of a committee of seven men. The Society's income was derived from tea parties, where the people would come together to have a chat with a *landsleit* whom they had not seen for a long time. On these occasions, they heard a few words from the leaders regarding the necessity to support the Society.

We must admit that the Society's principles were unpopular. The Society bore a *petit bourgeois* character through-and-through and, as a result, did not receive proper support from the *Częstochowers*, who had a different view on communal issues. After a short time, the Society's activity ceased.

In March 1943, when the horrifying news reached us here, in Argentina, from *Częstochowa* and the whole of Poland, we realised that we needed to exert all our strength to create aid for our hapless sisters and brothers. The *Częstochower Landsleit* Society reorganised with great enthusiasm. Many members immediately contributed large sums, while others pledged to pay in instalments, until the time came when we should have an exact address in *Częstochowa* to where to send the accumulated funds.

Our work in our *Częstochower Landsleit* Society is an active one, just as in other *landsleit* organisations - some of which have only recently been organised. All the *landsleit* organisations are now concentrating on one primary task - aid for the home of old.

The address of the *Częstochower Landsleit* Society in Argentina is: [Calle] Junín<sup>2</sup> 122, Buenos Aires.

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<sup>1</sup> [TN: As may be seen in the photograph on the following page, the Society's official name was "Sociedad Residentes de *Częstochow* y *Alrededores* en Buenos Aires" (Society of Residents of *Częstochowa*. and the Vicinity in Bs.As.).]

<sup>2</sup> [TN: The name of the street which is given in the original - "Giuning" (גינינג) - is an obvious misprint. Calle Junín 122 is a very likely address for a Jewish organisation, as it is in Buenos Aires' Jewish neighbourhood (El Once).]



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[Text in Spanish, heading: Society of Residents of Cz. and the Vicinity in Bs.As, 1945]

**Top row (L-R): Marchak, H. - Syndic; Jakubowicz, L. - Vice-Treasurer; Majerowicz, M. - Vice-President;**  
**Kaplan, ? - Vice-Secretary; Kosowsky, D. - Syndic**  
**Centre row (L-R): Jakubowicz, J. - Treasurer; Goldberg, A.- President; Wirstel, S. – Secretary**  
**Bottom row (L-R): Amsterdam, J. - Spokesman; Rozenberg, L. - Spokesman; Wainholtz, M. - Spokesman;**  
**Jakubowicz, I. – Spokesman.]**

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