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Destruction and Resistance of the Częstochowa Jews During the Nazi Occupation (a Bibliographical Overview)



The bibliography which is presented here, below, is relevant to both the researcher and writer and to the intelligent reader who wishes to become acquainted with the history of the suffering to which the Jews were subjected in Częstochowa at the hands of the Nazis, with the Jewish Resistance and with the destruction of the Jewish community.

In this bibliography, we have included only printed literature about Częstochowa. We have not included unprinted sources, such as the archival materials, documents and testimonies found at the Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw, at the Yiddish Scientific Institute [YIVO] in New York, at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem and in several other institutions in England, France, etc. We have also not included the materials and unprinted documents which are found in the Częstochowa Municipal Archives, such as the three volumes of [the] *Rocznik Statystyczny* (Statistical Yearbook) in Polish, which were prepared in the years 1939-1941 by the Jewish "Council of Elders" (*Rada Starszych*) in Częstochowa and which are found in three, thick, mimeographed tomes (each with about 300 pages) in the Częstochowa Municipal Archives. Incidentally, the second volume of that same codex, with its rich statistical tables and diagrams, was used in Benjamin Orenstein's book (№ 49), and in the compilation *Czenstochover Yidn* (№ 12). All three tomes [were used] in Brener's book (№ 11).

This bibliography envelops both self-standing works, as well as articles and other materials printed in periodicals and collections. For the collections, the method of analytical, bibliographical entries is employed, meaning that we provide the full title of the collection and, in the remark (annotation), we enumerate all those articles of relevance to Częstochowa.

The same analytic method when [also] considering a number of books and articles whose particular theme is not Częstochowa, but in which a number of facts concerning Częstochowa Jews are mentioned (such as: numbers 73, 51, 31, 33, 76, 89, 93 [and] 94).

The titles of books and articles are presented in their original language. With titles in foreign languages, a translation to Yiddish is given in the annotation.

The annotations provide a short analysis of the content, but no review of the book or article is presented.

In order to make use of the bibliography easier for the reader, two indexes are provided. The index of authors includes both the writers of the books and articles, as well as all others who participated in the literary production with a creative contribution, viz. editors, translators, artists, painters and graphic artists, writers of prologues, etc.

The subject index contains a larger number of cross-references, in order to facilitate orientation. If regarding a certain author or his book or article, a polemic was conducted, his name is mentioned also in the subject index (only the bibliographical items which contain the polemic or the critique). Names

of authors who wrote exclusively in Hebrew are presented according to the Hebrew spelling. All the names of authors are arranged alphabetically. Anonymous (authorless) articles are arranged according to their titles. If the name of the same author is cited consecutively in a number of his works (more than one), the name is not repeated in the subsequent entries, but marked instead according to the accepted bibliographical system, with three long lines for the surname and three for the given name: ---, ---.

In the bibliography, we have employed the following abbreviations:

Illus. – illustration; without publ. – without publishers; p. – page; pp. – pages; Lat. – Yiddish with Latin transcription; n.d. – not dated; facsim. – facsimile; facsim. – facsimiles.

This bibliography does not claim to be a complete one. Ideal perfection and completeness cannot ever be attained in a bibliographical work. Other important articles definitely exist in the Yiddish, Hebrew and foreign-language Press, which have been overlooked or also shorter remarks about Cześćochowa in a number of books. Our hope is that we have, in any case, covered the more important [materials] which have been published, until now, regarding Cześćochowa in the years of the Nazi destruction.

But we shall be grateful to any reader of the present bibliography who will send in his comments, completions and additions to the editors of the compilation and, thus, assist to improve and enrich this bibliography for the future.

Yiddish and Hebrew

1.) * Impressive mourning assembly dedicated to the liquidation of the Cześćochowa ghetto; **Yiddishe Zeitung** [Jewish Newspaper] (**Landsberger Lager Zeitung** [Landsberg Camp Newspaper]), № 43 (55), Landsberg, 25th October 1946, p.5.

2.) Besserglik, M.J.: *Vengeance is Sweet*, Landsberger Lager Zeitung (Lat.) № 8 (20), Landsberg, 1st May 1946. See № 12.
A little information on life in the Cześćochowa ghetto.

3.) Birenholz, Chaim: *Purim 1943 in the Cześćochowa Small Ghetto*; introduction: B. Orenstein; **Keneder Odler** № 54, 3rd March 1905.

4.) Borenstein, Itzhak: *How the Jews in Cześćochowa Live Nowadays*, **Yiddishe Zeitung**, Landsberg, 31st August 1948.

5.) Brandes, Aron: *The End of the Jews in Western Poland*, [Kibbutz] Merhavia, 1945, Ha'Kibbutz Ha'Artzi shel Ha'Shomer Ha'Tzair [The Ha'Shomer Ha'Tzair National Federation of Settlements], Sifriat Poalim [Workers Library], 96 pp.

The author, a member of the underground youth movement in Western Poland, who later emigrated to Israel, tells of the Jewish suffering and the Jewish resistance in different cities in Western Poland. Among other [things], he recounts in several chapters also concerning what transpired in Cześćochowa and in the surrounding *shtetls*, and dwells at length on the deportation from Cześćochowa (on 22nd September 1942) and the activity of the ŻOB (p.34-45).

6.) Brener, Liber: *The Resistance Movement in the Cześćochowa Ghetto*, **Dos Naye Leben** [The New Life], Łódź-Warsaw, numbers 103, 104, 105, 106, [and] 107, from 6th, 9th, 10th, 13th, and 15th December 1948.

The author was a leading member of the underground Bundist organisation in the Cześćochowa Ghetto, and, following the Liberation, president of the Jewish Committee in Cześćochowa.

7.) -----: *The Destruction of Cześćochowa*, **Dos Naye Leben**, 20th and 28th October 1948.

8.) -----: *The Cześćochowa Ghetto*, **Unser Tsait**, New York, December 1945, p.22-27

9.) -----: *The Jewish Kehilla in Cześćochowa and the Jewish Committee*, **Dos Naye Leben**, Łódź, jubilee edition, 1946.

10.) -----: *Review*, **Pages for History**, Warsaw, Vol. I, № 3-4 (1948), p.222-234. A detailed polemic review of B. Orenstein's *Churban Czenstochow* (See № 49).

11.) -----: *Resistance and Destruction in the Cześćochowa Ghetto*, without publ., Warsaw, n.d., Jewish Historical Institute in Poland, 176 pp., maps, illus., facsim.

A monograph about the Jewish destruction and resistance in Cześćochowa, built mostly on archival sources. See № 42.

12.) Czenstochover Yidn, New York, 1947, **United Czenstochover Relief committee and Ladies Auxiliary in New York**, XII [introductory pp.], 404 pp., illus., facsim., edited by [Dr] Rafael Mahler; editorial collegium: Alkona Chrobolovsky, Raphael Federman, Aba Kaufman, [and] Wolf Gliksman; artistic reproductions: Arthur Szyk; 6 graphic works: Nota Kozłowski.

The compilation contains several dozen works by various writers, which describe the development of Jewish settlement in Cześćochowa, from the very beginning to the Nazi destruction, as well as the activity of the *Cześćochower landsmannschaften* in America, Israel and in other countries. A special section dedicated to the destruction of Cześćochowa in the Nazi era contains the following works: *The Settlement's Catastrophe*– L. Brener (p.188-201); Testimony – Aron Brandes (p.201-206); Testimony – Abram Izbicki (p.206-212); *Jews Deported to*

* [TN: First entry not in alphabetical order in the original Yiddish.]

Germany Through Częstochowa – Szymon Gotajner (p.212-215); *The Obliteration of the Synagogue (New Shul)* – W. Gliksman (p.215-218); *A Night in the Częstochowa Ghetto* – A. Izbicki (p.218-219); *The Last 24 Hours at HASAG* – D. Koniecpoler (p.220-222); *Activity of the Jewish Security Service (Jewish Police)* – M. Kuszniir (p.223-226); *Activity of the Bund Under the Nazi Occupation* – M. Kuszniir (p.226-230); *The Activity of the Kibbutz During the Nazi Occupation* – L. Jurista (p.230-232); *How the Party Banners of Poalei Zion Left were Hidden* – Chaskel Brzezinski (p.232); *The Craftsmen and the Destruction* – D. Koniecpoler (p.233); Regulations of the German Authorities (from the archives of the Central Jewish Historical Committee in Poland – the original German text) (p.233-239); *The End* – Josef Kruk (p.239-243); *Revenge is Sweet* – [about] how M. Besserglik caught and brought into the hands of justice the liquidator of the Częstochowa Small Ghetto (p.243-246, see № 2); *The Nazi Bandit Shall Hang at the Scaffold* (p.246-247) (the two last articles tell of the German gendarme Köstner, who was sentenced to death); *For the Third Anniversary of the First Jewish Uprising in the Częstochowa Ghetto* (on 3rd January 1943) – L. Brener (p.247-249); *The New Częstochowa* (following the liberation from the Nazis; 16th January 1946 to July 1946) – Wolf Gliksman (p.249-252); *[The] Children's House in Częstochowa* – Ida Merżan (p.253-254; see also № 36). See № 66 (Tzvi Rosenvein's review of *Czenstochover Yidn*).

13.) *Częstochower Bulletin* № 1 ([of] 6), July 1950, 12 pp., editorial collegium: Raphael Federman, Tzvi Rosenvein, Estera Epstein. This bulletin presents a questionnaire titled: “*What do you Know about the Era of Destruction?*” (p.3), and reports of diverse relief activities of the *Częstochower landsmannschaften* throughout the globe.

14.) *Doresman, Y.*: [pseudonym for Isaac Janasowicz]: *The Jewish Life in Kraków and the Województwo Krakowskie* [Province of Kraków], *Einikeit* [Unity; main Soviet Yiddish newspaper], Moscow, 17th July 1945. Among other [things], information is presented here regarding the 800 Jews who arrived in Kraków from Częstochowa and Oświęcim [Auschwitz].

15.) *Ek, Natan*: *A Jewish city Goes Under, Yiddisher Kemfer* [Jewish Fighter; a NY weekly], Vol. XXVIII, issues 718 through 724, from 12th September (Rosh Hashana edition), 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st October, and 7th November 1947. The author, during the Summer Operation at the Warsaw Ghetto, fled to Częstochowa, and he writes his experiences and observations of the Częstochowa Ghetto.

See remarks on this work in № 2 (article by B.O.), and № 71.

16.) -----: *From the Destruction of Warsaw to Częstochowa, Yiddisher Kemfer*, Vol. XXVII, numbers 642 and 664 [644?], from 15th and 29th March 1946.

17.) -----: *From the Destruction of Warsaw to the Częstochowa Ghetto, on the Eve of the Deportation in 1942, Unser Wort*, Paris, 14th October 1944.

18.) *Federman, Raphael*: *For the 11th Yuhzeit of the Częstochowa Martyrs, Forverts*, New York, 23rd October, 1953.

19.) *From the Nazi Hell, [Der] Poylisher Yid* [The Polish Jew; Yiddish periodical], February 1942, (p.13-14). Contains news from Częstochowa.

20.) *Fuks, M.*: *The Bloody Monday in Częstochowa, Dos Freie Wort* (Lat.) № 38, Feldafing, 5th July 1946. [Regarding] the deceitful actions of the Nazis on Monday 4th September 1939, the second day following the invasion of Częstochowa by the Germans.

21.) *Gelbard, A.*: *The Uprising in Częstochowa, Unser Weg* № 39, München, 28th June 1946.

22.) *Gliksman, Zeew Wolf*: *In the Częstochowa Ghetto, Fun Letzte Churnb* [From the Latest Destruction] № 2, München, 1946 (p.51-55). Pages of memories.

23.) -----: *The End of a Community* (for the 7th anniversary of the liquidation of Częstochowa), *New Yorker Wochenblatt*, Vol. XV, № 378, September 1949 (p.4-5).

24.) -----: *Purim in 1943, New Yorker Wochenblatt*, Vol. XVI, February 1950.

25.) *Grunes, Ben*: *The Częstochowa Population Honours the Memory of the Murdered Doctors, Neue Leben* [New Life], Tel-Aviv, 20th October 1948.

26.) *Hart (Hertz), J.*: *Brilliant Personalities: Eli Alebarde, Unser Tsait*, New York, July-August 1951 (p. 36). About one of the leaders of the underground Bundist movement in Częstochowa.

27.) *Historical Collection: Materials and Documents for the History of the General Jewish Workers Bund*, Warsaw, 1948, *Ringen* [The Link]. 196 pp., illus., facsim. In this book is printed an article by L. Brener: *The Struggle Against the Judenrat in the Częstochowa Ghetto* (p.105-108), and a second article: *TOZ Activists in the Częstochowa Ghetto* (p.109).

28.) *In the Years of Jewish Destruction, the Voice of the Underground Bund*, New York, 1948, [publisher: Farlag] Unser Tsait; 342 pp. and 6 pp. facsim. There are two works about Częstochowa in the book: “*Częstochower Ghetto*” – excerpts from a report by Mbr. L. Brenner (p.295-306), and “*The Bund's Activity during Hitler's Occupation of Częstochowa*,” by M. Kuszniir (p.306-315). Both authors were leaders in the Bund's underground work in Częstochowa.

29.) *Izbicki, Abram*: He was in Częstochowa until 1944, and saw how the Nazis murdered all the Jews. *Forverts* [(The Jewish Daily) Forward], 8th and 9th January 1945. Report from an eye-witness, taken by the *Częstochower Landsmannschaft* in the Land of Israel.

30.) *Jurista, Lajb*: *In a Bunker, Befreiung* [Liberation], München, 19th April 1948.

31.) Kaufman, Aba: *Częstochowa, my Hometown*, New York, 1950, printed by **Joseph Kaufman**, 23 pp.

This brochure, among other [things], contains a list of several hundred *Częstochower* "Ghetto Fighters, scholars, journalists, teachers, artists, rabbis...public figures" who perished, and a second list of several hundred survivors. On p.8-9, is also reprinted from the New York *Morgen Freiheit* of 2nd October 1950, an account of the Nazi persecutions in *Częstochowa*, as described by a living witness of the Nazi devastation.

32.) Kiddush Hashem (Martyrdom): a selection of [testimonies,] chronicles, [letters, wills, inscriptions, poems, legends, stories, dramatic sketches and essays] pertaining to Jewish martyrdom in our and bygone days, New York, 5707 (1948), **CYCO**, 1116 pp., compiled and edited by Samuel Niger.

In this collection were printed several reports regarding the Jewish resistance in *Częstochowa* (p.350-354), which were first published in diverse Jewish newspapers.

33.) Kurc, Jakow: *Book of Testimony, the Notes of a Jew Saved from the Nazi Hell in Poland*, from Yiddish manuscript, translated [to Hebrew] by M. Ben-Eliezer, Tel-Aviv, 5704 (1944), **Am Oved**, 364 pp.

The author [was] a resident of the Land of Israel who came on a visit to his hometown of Piotrków on the eve of the Second World War, and remained there during the Nazi occupation, until he was permitted to return to the Land of Israel in the autumn of 1942. He tells of the Nazi persecutions against Jews in Piotrków and in the neighbouring cities. One chapter in his book recounts (p.319-334) what *Częstochower* refugees and special envoys sent out from Piotrków to *Częstochowa* related regarding the destruction of *Częstochowa* in 1942.

34.) Kuszniur, M.: *Activity of the Bund Under the Nazi Occupation in Częstochowa*, **Unser Tsait**, New York, № 2, 1946.

35.) Leber, Jakow: *Twelve Years after the Destruction of Częstochowa*, **Letzte Naves**, Tel-Aviv, 13th October 1954.

36.) Merżan, Ida: *[The] Children's House in Częstochowa*, **Dos Naye Leben** № 23, Łódź, 12th January 1945.

37.) Orenstein, Benjamin: *Destruction of the Częstochowa Jewry*, **Der Amerikaner** [The American; Yiddish newspaper], New York, 19th September 1952.

38.) -----: *The Liberation of the Częstochowa Survivors*, **Wochenblatt** [(Canadian Jewish) Weekly], Toronto, № 84, 12th January 195[?].

39.) -----: *Bernard Kurland, Übergang* [Transition] № 11, München, 26th March 1948 (in Lat. characters).

See also **[Der] Keneder Odler** [The Canadian Eagle; Yiddish newspaper] № 261, 15th November 1954. Surrounding the personality and activity of Leib Kurland, head of the *Arbeitsamt* [Labour Council] of the *Częstochowa Judenrat* in Nazi times, a passionate polemic developed; see this issue.

40.) -----: *Grenade Production in the Częstochowa Small Ghetto*, **Widerstand** [Resistance] № 5, München, May 1948.

See also № 2.

41.) -----: *The Resistance and Liquidation of the Częstochowa Small Ghetto*, **Keneder Odler** № 145, 23rd June 1950.

42.) -----: *Destruction and Resistance of the Częstochowa Jewry*, **YIVO Pages**, Vol.37 (1954), p.301-306.

43.) -----: *Jewish Freedom Fighters*, **Unser Wort**, Bamberg № 16, from 5th July 1946, and № 21, from 9th August 1946.

In this series of 9 articles on the "Jewish Freedom Fighters," the two aforementioned articles deal with the Jewish resistance movement and its heroes in *Częstochowa*.

44.) -----: *Israel Josef Kutner*, **Keneder Odler** № 56, 6th March 1953.

The *shoichet* I.J. Kutner was one of the most respected *Gerer Chassidim* in *Częstochowa*; he lived through the HASAG-Pelcery and Buchenwald camps, and following the Liberation, he helped to rebuild the Jewish religious life at Bergen-Belsen. He was killed in a motoring catastrophe in 1946.

45.) -----: *Passover at the Dora Concentration Camp*, **Keneder Odler** № 74, 26th March 1956.

See also: **Der Amerikaner** № 50, 23rd March 1956.

46.) -----: *The Destruction and Resistance of a Jewish City, 11th Tishrei 5703-5710, 1942-1949*, Montreal, 1949. Printed [by]: Modern Printing and Stationary, 18 pp.

47.) -----: *Wirklichkeit* [Reality], Bamberg, 1948, Historical Literary Bureau; 185 pp., illus.

A collection of essays, [of which] the following have a bearing on *Częstochowa*: *Mojtek Zylberberg, Commander of the ŻOB Underground Movement in the Częstochowa Small Ghetto* (p.16-17); *Rywka Glanc* (led the work of the underground Dror [Freedom (Freiheit)] in the *Częstochowa* ghetto; fell in battle against the Nazis. [On] p.52-53); *The First of May 1943 in the Częstochowa Small Ghetto* (p.126-129). The following memoirs and reports deal with the life in the *Częstochowa* labour camp HASAG-Pelcery: *The Beautiful May has Passed*; *The Letter*; *HASAG Reportage*; *Will Hell Last Much Longer?*; *Kasza* [groats, cereal] – *Recitation* (p.130-154)

48.) -----: *The Destruction of Otwock, Falenica, Karczew*; Bamberg, 1948. [Published by] the Otwock, Falenica, and Karczew townspeople in the American zone in Germany; 71 pp., illus.

Among other [things], the author tells about [his] arrival from Warsaw to *Częstochowa* in the spring of 1943 (p.58-59), and about his further experiences at the HASAG-Raków and HASAG-Pelcery camps (p.64-70).

49.) -----: *Churbn Czenstochow*, without publ., 1948, Central Administration of the *Częstochower Landsmannschaft* in the American zone in Germany. 405 pp., illus. Lat. Foreword: Phillip Frie dman (p.8-9); *The Book "Churbn Czenstochow"* – Cwi Kantor (p.10-11).

A monogram regarding the fate of the *Częstochowa* Jews under the Nazi occupation, in the *Częstochowa* ghetto, in the forced labour camps [and] in the concentration camps Treblinka, Buchenwald, Dora, and Bergen-Belsen, where *Częstochowa* Jews were sent, and about the life of *Częstochowa's* Surviving Remnant in Germany following the Liberation. The author dedicated much attention to the Jewish Underground Movement, the *Arbeiterrat*, the biographies of Jewish underground leaders, the Jewish social life in the ghetto and in the camps, the cultural life, and the folklore in the ghetto and camps. The author composed this book based on his own experiences and observations, from a large number of statements taken which he collected, and founded on diverse archival materials. At the end of the book, the author depicts a number of Jewish personalities and characteristic types from pre-war *Częstochowa* (p.347-396). See: № 28.

50.) Ostrowski, B. (Tel-Aviv): *Saved Jews from Poland, Romania, and Italy; perished in Palestine*. Forverts, 22nd July 1944.

* [TN: The words in brackets are from the original title-page, in English there.]

News and greetings from Będzin, Częstochowa, and Czerniowce [Chernivtsi, Ukraine].

51.) Pat, Jacob: *Ash un Fajer* [Ashes and Fire; (Yiddish version)], New York, 1946, **CYCO** [Central Yiddish Culture Organisation], 392 pp., illus. At the start of 1946, Jacob Pat visited Poland and wrote his impressions and [of] the encounters with Jews and non-Jews in a number of Polish cities, which he had during his 60-day-long journey throughout the country. He also visited Częstochowa, and wrote down the wartime experiences and the post-war situation of the local Jews (p.111-136). His Częstochowa reportages were first printed in **Forverts**, New York, from 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th March 1946. This book was also published in English (see № 93).

52.) Pinkas Katan [Small Ledger], Tel-Aviv, January 1944, **Ha'Histadrut Ha'Klalit shel Ha'Ovdim Ha'Ivriim Ba'Aretz** [General Organisation of Hebrew Workers in Israel], 63 pp. ("internal").

In the January 1944 issue of *Pinkas Katan*, [which was] published for internal circulation among the members of the Histadrut, there are to be found, among other [things], also details (p.40) regarding the Jewish revolt in Częstochowa, and the role of Rywka Glanc, who fell in battle against the Nazis.

53.) (A) Reporter: *For the 8th Yuhzeit to the Destruction of Częstochowa* (tearful sum-up of the Częstochowa Jewish Community), **Forverts**, 8th October 1950.

54.) Rosenvein, Tzvi [also Rozenwajn, Cwi]: *Let the Truth be Told, Unser Wort*, Bamberg, № 47 (85), from 5th December 1947.

Remarks on Dr N. Ek's articles in *Yiddisher Kemfer* (see № 15).

55.) -----: *The Last Night in Częstochowa*, [Der] Tog [Day] morning journal, New York, 14th December 1950.

Concerning the German *akcja* [operation] against the Częstochowa Jews on 28th September 1942.

56.) Seven Thousand Jews Saved in Częstochowa, *Einikeit*, 22nd February 1945.

Concerning the Jews surviving in the Częstochowa labour camps following the liberation from the Nazis.

57.) Szperling, Heniek: *Treblinka, Fun Letzten Churbn* № 6, August 1946 (p.3-17, maps).

The author relates how he, together with many other Częstochowa Jews, were captured by the Nazis and led off to the railway carriages; [he] describes the transport to Treblinka, and the horrendous conditions in the concentration camp.

58.) Szpigner, Natan: Storytelling competition № 3 [3rd place?], *The HASAG Camp in Częstochowa*, *A Heym* [Home; newspaper printed in Leipzig, Germany] (Lat.) № 10-11, from 16th May 1946.

Life in the camp, directly preceding the Liberation.

59.) Sztajnbrecher, Adam: *For the Third Anniversary of the Liquidation of the Częstochowa Ghetto*, *Dos Freie Wort* (Lat.) № 39, Feldafing, 12th July 1946.

60.) The Appearance of the Jews in Europe, edited by Israel Klausner, Jerusalem, n.d., **Reuven Mas**, 115 pp. (*Mefareshet Ha'Shoa* [Holocaust Decoder] series, № 1). On p.95-96 is presented a report by a member of the underground [Zionist] Pioneering movement on the Jewish resistance in Radomsko and Częstochowa.

61.) The Book of Dror [Freedom (Freiheit political party)], Ein-Harod, 1947, **Ha'Kibbutz Ha'Meuchad** [The United Kibbutzim Union], 514 pp., compiled and edited by David Gotesfrucht, Chaim Hadari, and Aron Reichman.

Of the underground work of Dror in Częstochowa is told in the following chapters: an excerpt from a report by Cywia (Lubetkin) on a conference of Ha'Kibbutz Ha'Meuchad in Israel (p.423); an excerpt from Renia Kulkielko's book, [which was] published in Hebrew under the title "*Be'Nidudim U'Ba'Machteret*" [Wandering and Underground], and in English under the title "*Escape from the Pit*," see № 91 (p.423-424); and the biography of Rywka Glanc (p.424), reprinted from the book *Destruction and Revolt of the Warsaw Jews*, edited by Meilech Neustadt.

62.) The Book of Horrors, Documents, Testimonies, and Accounts of the Jewish Holocaust in the Second World War, with Introductions, Indexes, and Photographs [or photocopies?], Jerusalem, 5705 (1945), **Reuven Mas**, Vol. I, n.d. [?], 263 pp., illus., edited by Benjamin Mintz and Israel Klausner.

In the book are presented two testimonies taken from *Częstochowers* who lived in the city for some time under the Nazi occupation, and who managed to save themselves and emigrate to Israel – one as early as 1940, and the second in 1944. The names of the witnesses are given with the initials .x.x (Abram Izbicki?) and י-י.ר [R. W-n] (p.119-122).

63.) The Book of the War of the Ghettoes, Within the Walls, in the Camps, in the Forests, Tel-Aviv, 1954, **Ha'Kibbutz Ha'Meuchad**, 16 [introductory pp.], 812 pp., maps, illus., edited by Yitzhak Zuckerman and Moshe Basok.

The Underground Movement and the resistance in Częstochowa are handled in the following articles: *ŻOB in Częstochowa* – J. Jurista (p.332); *In Action* – Aron Brandes (p.332-333; see № 5); *Holding a Weapon* – L. Brenner (p.333-335).

64.) The Martyrdom of the Children, a Collection of Documents, Buenos Aires, 1947, **Central Union of Polish Jewry in Argentina**, 284 pp., illus., compiled by Noe Gruess.

This selection is partly identical to the publication in Polish which was arranged by Noe Gruess and Maria Hochberg-Marianska (see № 85). The Yiddish edition contains a detailed historical introduction by N. Gruess: *Jewish Children during the Nazi Occupation* (p.7-63), which is not in the Polish edition. In the Yiddish release are also contained a number of testimonies and reports which are not found in the Polish one. Among these, [the following] have a bearing on Częstochowa: a report by L. Brenner on the activity of TOZ (a society for health-care, and particularly that of children) in the Częstochowa Ghetto (in Noe Gruess' introduction, p.47-49); the testimony of Ruben Rozenberg: *From One Camp to Another*, regarding the experiences in the forced labour camp Raków-Eisenhütte [ironworks] in Częstochowa (p.250-252). Various shorter episodes about Częstochowa Jews are also mentioned in other places in the book (see there, [in] index).

65.) Tsanin, M.: *Over Rocks and Rubble, a Journey Through One Hundred Destroyed communities in Poland*, Tel-Aviv, 1952, **Letzte Nayer**, 318 pp., illus.

In his journey through Poland in 1947-1948, Tsanin visited also in Częstochowa, and he tells of his impressions there (p.240-244).

66.) Unser Yuhrzeit (publication dedicated to the destruction of the Częstochowa Jewry, 11th Tishrei [day after *Yom Kippur*] 5703-5709, 1942-1948), Bamberg (1948), 25 pp. illus. One-off publication of the Central Administration of the *Częstochower Landsmannschaft* in the American zone in Germany.

Contents: *Unser Yuhrzeit* – B. Orenstein (p.1); *Liquidation of the Small Ghetto* – Beno (p.2); *My Hometown Częstochowa is in Ruins* – Cwi Kantor (p.3-4); *My Last Encounter with the Murderer of Jews*, Degenhardt – Estera Epstein (p.5,18); *Bread* (song) – Benjamin Orenstein (p.6-7); *The Last Meeting at the Arbeiterrat* – Tzvi Rosenvein (p.8-9); *The Book "Churbn Czenstochow"* – Phillip Friedman (p.10); *Enough!* (song, p.10); *The Old Jewish Life in Częstochowa* – B.O. (p.11, 14-15); *Remember What Amalek has Done to You!* (photographs of the ghetto in Częstochowa, of forced labour and concentration camps, of Częstochowa survivors following the Liberation, [and] of the war-criminal Kessler's trial, p.12-13); *The Last Night* – Tzrayn (Tzvi Rosenvein; p.17-18); *Figures of the Underground Movement* (from the book *Churbn Czenstochow*) – B. Orenstein (p.19-21); *Tearful* (song, p.21); *Grenade Production in the Częstochowa Small Ghetto* (from the book *Churbn Czenstochow*) – B. Orenstein (p.22-23); *For the Anniversary, Ghetto Poem* (two songs from the book *Churbn Czenstochow*, p.23); *Review of the Book "Czenstochover Yidn"* (see № 12) – Tzvi Rosenvein (p.24-25); *A City Goes Under, a Polemic With Natan Ek* (see № 15) – B.O. (p.25).

67.) Waga, Szlomo: *A Murder That Lives*; for the 12th anniversary to the destruction of Częstochowa; **Keneder Odler**, 5th October 1954.

68.) – – – – –: *The First "Resettlement" in Częstochowa*, **Morgen Journal** [The Jewish Morning Journal, NY], 22nd October 1950.

69.) – – – – –: [Churbn] *Czenstochow* [(Destruction of) Częstochowa], Buenos Aires, 1949, **Central Union of Polish Jewry in Argentina** [Unión Central Israelita Polaca en la Argentina], 225 pp., illus.

The author's memoirs concerning the destruction of Częstochowa, from the beginning of the Nazi invasion until 20th March 1943.

70.) Wajnholc, Dawid: *Częstochowa and the Vicinity* (the memorial service for the martyrs), **Die Yiddische Zeitung** [Buenos Aires?], 17th September 1953.

71.) Wajnman, M.: *The Liquidation of the Częstochowa Ghetto*, **Naïe Presse** [(The) New Press], Paris, 26th September 1952.

72.) – – – – –: *The End of the Ghetto in Częstochowa* (about the day after *Yom Kippur* 1942), **Morgen Freiheit** [Morning Freedom], New York, 16th December 1952.

73.) Władka (Feigle Peltel-Międzyrzecki): *On Both Sides of the Ghetto Wall*, New York, 1948, **Educational Committee of the Arbeiter Ring [Workmen's Circle]**, 358 pp., illus., maps; foreword: N. Chanin (p.7-12).

Władka was a contact woman in the Jewish underground organisation in Warsaw. Es envoy of the Jewish Coordinating Committee, she visited twice in Częstochowa – at the end of the summer, and in late autumn of 1943. Regarding said visits and her experiences, she recounts in two chapters of her book: *Among Fighters in the Częstochowa Ghetto* (p.300-305), and *Aid in the Camps* (p.322-329).

74.) Y.H.: *Hanged for Leaving the Ghetto*, **Unser Tsait**, New York, June 1942 (p.41).

75.) – – – – –: *Liquidation of the Częstochowa Ghetto*, **Unser Tsait**, New York, March 1943 (p.42-43).

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76.) Ajzensztajn, Betty: *Ruch Podziemny w Ghettach I Obozach (Materialy I dokumenty)* [Underground Movement in Ghettos and [Concentration] Camps (Materials and documents)], Warszawa-Łódź, 1956, XXIV [intr. pp.], 213 pp., p.66-69; **Organizacja oporu w Częstochowie** [Resistance Org. in Cz.]. In the book *Underground Movement in Ghettos and [Concentration] Camps*, is found a chapter – *The Organisation of Resistance in Częstochowa* (p.66-69) – in which Julian Zylberberg, an active member of the ŻOB, who was in the ghetto until the liquidation, and later a partisan [in] the People's Army (Armia Ludowa), tells about the Resistance Movement.

77.) (The) Black Book of Polish Jewry, An account of the Martyrdom of Polish Jewry under the Nazi Occupation, New York, 1943, XVI, 343 pp., illus. American Federation of Polish Jews in cooperation with the Association of Jewish Refugees and Immigrants from Poland. Editor: Jacob Apenszlak. Co-editors: Jacob Kenner, Isaac Lewin, Moses Polakiewicz.

In *The Black Book of Polish Jewry*, Częstochowa is often mentioned (see index), [and] particularly on pages 51 (account of the Nazi pogrom in September 1939), 138, 194, and 226 (the sanitary conditions in the Częstochowa Ghetto).

78.) Blumental, Nachman: *Obozy* [Camps], Łódź, 1946, V, 335 pp., maps, facsim. (Documenty i materiały z czasów okupacji niemieckiej w Polsce, Tom I.) [Documents and materials from during the German occupation in Poland, Vol. I.] This book on the Nazi camps for Jews contains also a testimony from the joiner Szymon Goldberg, who in the *akcja* of September 1942, together with his whole family and many other Jews, was taken away from Częstochowa to Treblinka (p.178-181).

79.) Brener, L.: *Dzieje żydowskiego osiedla po wyzwoleniu* [History of the Jewish Settlement Following the Liberation], **Głos Bundu** [Voice of the Bund], Warszawa, sierpień (August) 1946.

Describes the situation of the Częstochowa Jews in the first year after being freed from the Nazi yoke.

A court reportage.

80.) ————: *Przesładowca przed sądem* [Persecutor before the Court], **Głos Bundu**, 15 sierpnia (August) 1947.

At the trial against the former Polish Werkschutz [Factory Security Force] officer at the HASAG labour camp, Roman [Józef] Kmiczkiewicz, Christian and Jewish witnesses give testimony of his murderous handling of the Jewish workers at the camp.

81.) ————: *W trzecią rocznicę żydowskiego powstania w getcie częstochowskim* [On the third anniversary of the Jewish uprising in the Częstochowa Ghetto], **Głos Narodu** [Voice of the Nation], Częstochowa, 3 grudnia (December) 1945. An article on the 3rd anniversary of the Jewish resistance in Częstochowa, on 3rd January 1943 (also see № 12).

82.) ————: *Tragiczny dzień w "małym ghettie" Częstochowy* [A Tragic day in the Częstochowa "Small Ghetto"], **Głos Bundu**, 1 lutego (February) 1947.

The author describes an *akcja* in the "Small Ghetto," in which 127 Jews were killed.

83.) ————: *Żydowski ruch oporu w Częstochowie* [Jewish Resistance in Cz.], **Głos Bundu**, 1 stycznia (January) 1946.

Brener's polemic on the report by Julian Zylberberg in Betty Ajzensztajn's book (see № 76). He argues that said report is not objective and comprehensive enough, and that the Jewish Historical Commission in Poland has in its possession other additional documents regarding the resistance in Częstochowa, from which a more multilateral picture of the Underground Movement could have been presented.

84.) Bresler, Jerzy: *20 marca (March) 1943 — dzień zagłady inteligencji żydowskiej w Częstochowie* [Day of (the) Extermination of the Jewish Intelligentsia in Cz.], **Głos Narodu**, № 31 (1945).

A Jewish doctor, who lived through the Nazi era in Częstochowa, describes the extermination operation that the Nazis conducted on the local intelligentsia on 20th March 1943.

85.) ————: *Likwidacja szpitala żydowskiego (w Częstochowie)* [Liquidation of the Jewish Hospital (in Cz.)], **Głos Narodu**, № 53 (1945).

The same author writes about how the Nazis liquidated the Jewish Hospital in Częstochowa, and killed off all the patients and personnel.

86.) (Le) Droit à la Patrie, Témoignages sur les massacres en Pologne [The Right to the Homeland, Testimonies on the massacres in Poland], Paris, 1946, L. Rodstein, 161 pp., recueillis et traduit du yiddish par [collected and translated from Yiddish by] Miriam Bath-Ami (Miriam Novitch).

In the testimony of Julius Kolp, from Łódź, he tells of his experiences in a labour camp in Częstochowa, in the years 1943-1945 (p.154-156).

87.) Dzieci oskarżają [Children Accuse], Kraków-Łódź, 1947. XXXII, 287 pp. illus., opracowali [edited (by)] Maria Hochberg - Marianska i [and] Noe Gruess.

In this book is found a testimony of L. Brener, protocolled by Noe Gruess, concerning Jewish children during the Nazi times (p.260-262). This book was also published in Yiddish, in an enlarged edition (see № 64).

88.) Jurista, L.: *Z.O.B. (Żydowska Organizacja Bojowa) w Częstochowie* [ŻOB (The Jewish Fighting Organisation) in Cz.] **Nasze Słowo** [Our Word], № 7 (19), Warszawa-Łódź, 19 kwietnia (April) 1947.

On the activity of the ŻOB in the Częstochowa Ghetto.

89.) Kermisz, Józef: *Akcje i wysiedlenia. Część I* [Operations and Displacement, Part I] Warszawa-Łódź, 1946. LXXII, 456 pp., maps, facsim., (Dokumenty i materiały do dziejów okupacji niemieckiej w Polsce, tomi II [Documents and materials on the history of the German occupation in Poland, volume II]).

In the introduction to the book *Operations and Displacement* (deportations), Dr Kermisz presents the facts regarding the Nazi *akcje* and about the Jewish resistance,

based on the materials that are found in the archives of the Central Historical Commission (nowadays: Jewish Historical Institute) in Poland (p.40,49,53,59,60). In the body of the book are also presented the two following testimonies from former residents in the Częstochowa Ghetto: from Efraim Majerowicz (p.253-279), which encompasses the period from 22nd May 1942, to [his] escape from the HASAG camp in the end of September 1943, with many facts about the Jewish Underground Movement, the Jewish partisans, and about the aid a group of Jews received from a friendly Pole. Engineer Jakób Pytel tells in the summary of his memories about the *akcje* in September 1942 (p.281-285) and "Bloody Monday," 4th January 1943 (p.287-291).

90.) Koniecpoler, Dawid: *Ghetto czestochowskie, Opinia* [Opinion], #23-24 (36-37), Warszawa-Łódź, 22 września (September) 1947.

Entries from a diary, on the illegal work in the ghetto, the activity of the ŻOB, its battles and its downfall.

91.) Kulkielko, Renia: *Escape from the Pit*, New York, 1947. XII, 189 pp., **Sharon Books**, foreword by Ludwig Lewisohn. Renia Kulkielko, fifteen years old when the Second World War broke out, was active in the Jewish Underground Movement in Poland (mostly in Będzin and Warsaw), and managed, via Slovakia, Hungary and Turkey, to fight her way to the Land of Israel in March of 1944. In her book of memoirs, she also gives a short account of her visit to Częstochowa in the autumn of 1943 (p.116). This book was also published in Hebrew (see № 61).

92.) L.E.: Listy od czytelników [Letters from readers], **Mosty** [Bridges], #7 (39), Łódź, 7 marca (March) 1947.

A polemic with A. Wolf-Jasny, who in the [*Lodzer Naje*] *Folkscajtung* [New Łódź People's Paper] № 9, Łódź, 9th December 1946, criticised Betty Ajzensztajn's book (see № 76). L.E. dwells on the underground work in the Częstochowa Ghetto, which was, according to him, carried out mainly by the Zionist and Communist youth groups.

93.) Pat, Jacob: *Ashes and Fire*, New York, c1947, **International Universities Press**, 254 pp.

This is an English abridged version of Jacob Pat's book in Yiddish, *Ash un Fayer* (see № 51). Regarding his visit in Częstochowa, [see] p.83-102.

94.) Tenenbaum, Joseph: *Underground, The Story of a People*, New York, c1952, **Philosophical Library**, IX, 532 pp. maps, illus.

Chapter X of the book *Underground* deals with the Jewish suffering, the annihilation, and the Underground Movement in Częstochowa. See also p.128 and p.436.

95.) W Czestochowie [In Cz.], **Mosty**, № 4 (12), Łódź, kwiecień (April) 1947.

[On] the activity of the Ha'Shomer Ha'Tzair youth organisation after the Germans had marched in, the establishment of the ŻOB, and the resistance of its members against the Nazis in the Częstochowa Ghetto.

96.) W 5-ta rocznice zagłady Żydów czestochowskich [On the 5th anniversary to the extermination of the Cz. Jews], **Mosty**, № 63 (94), Łódź, 26 września (September) 1947.

Article for the 5th anniversary of the extermination of the Częstochowa Jews, [which] names the German murderers who partook in the *akcje*.

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98.) Federman, Raphael: *For the 11th Anniversary of the Częstochowa Martyrs*, **Forverts**

99.) -----: *13th Anniversary after the Annihilation of the Częstochowa Jews*, **Forverts**, 21st October 1955.

100.) Leber, Jakob: *The Destruction of a Jewish Community, For the 8th Anniversary to the Destruction of Częstochowa*, **Letzte Nayer**, September 1950.

101.) -----: *The Destruction of the Częstochowa Jewish Community, Dedicated to the 11th Anniversary of the Destruction of One of the Finest Jewish Cities in Poland, Częstochowa*, **Letzte Nayer**, September 1950 [sic 1953].

102.) Rosenvein, Tzvi: *The Struggle and Destruction of the Częstochowa Jews*, **Yiddishe Kultur**, Vol. 12, № 1, January 1950 (p.55-56). The author dwells in particular on the foundation and activities of the Jewish *Arbeiterrat*, in which he was active.

103.) -----: *The Destruction of Częstochowa (For the 10th Anniversary)*, **Forverts**, 13th September 1952.

104.) -----: *For the 12th Anniversary to the Annihilation of the Częstochowa Jews*, **Forverts**, 22nd October 1954.

105.) Tamari, Moshe, editor: *Zamość in its Glory and Destruction*, Tel-Aviv, 1952-1953 (5713). published by The Israeli Organisation of Zamość Jewry, 327 pp.

In this collection about the city of Zamość is found a testimony by Róża Rost: In the Shadow of a Mask (p.175-177), in which the authoress recounts her experiences in a Częstochowa labour camp.

106.) Wajc, Abram: *A Book on the Resistance and Destruction of the Częstochowa Ghetto*, **Morgen Freiheit**, New York, 29th April 1951.

A review of L. Brener's book (see № 11).

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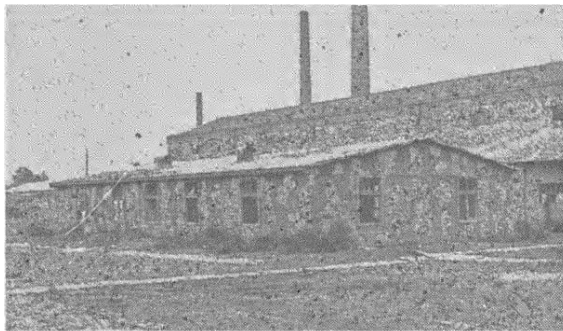
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The cemetery in Częstochowa after the Destruction



*The ruins of the Częstochowa Ghetto, which was demolished
by the Nazis following the liquidation, in which hundreds of
Jews were annihilated*



"HASAG"



Signatures found on the walls inside the bunkers



"HASAG"



Fragment of the destroyed Small Ghetto