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[Resistance and Destruction in the Częstochowa Ghetto]

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[Map of Częstochowa]
This work by Liber Brener, which we present here, *Resistance and Destruction in the Częstochowa Ghetto*, is an expansion and elaboration of a diary, which the author kept during a lengthy period in the ghetto and [labour] camp.

Following liberation, L. Brener recovered these memoirs, revised them and complemented them with an array of German, Polish and Yiddish documents and also with testimonies from other surviving Jews from the Częstochowa Ghetto.

The subjective element, the personal experience and, in itself, the specific way of viewing [the] events – put their stamp on the book and prevent the author from making a pretence of being fully comprehensive and of solving all the dilemmas that emerge in connection with the events in the Big and Small Częstochowa Ghettoes and in the HASAG camp. In any case, this book, which we present, makes no claim of being a thorough, strictly scientific study.

For all that, Brener’s book constitutes an important and valuable collection of materials, which will serve the future historian of the ghettos and the resistance movement as a foundation for his researches and scientific syntheses, and as a source for obtaining materials to shed light on those fundamental dilemmas to which this book does not yet provide a fully clear answer.
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