

Constitution of the Czenstochover Landsmanshaft of Montreal

Article 1:

Who is to be considered a Częstochowa *landsmann*?

- 1) Anyone born in Częstochowa and the vicinity
- 2) Anyone married to a Częstochowa townsman or townswoman
- 3) Anyone who experienced a path of suffering during the Nazi epoch in the Częstochowa “Big Ghetto”, “Small Ghetto” and the HASAG concentration camps.

Article 2:

The Executive does not have the right to expel any *landsmann* from the Society - this may only be done through a General Meeting.

Article 3:

Functions and voluntary collections are carried out amongst *landsleit* in order to enable the Society to fulfil all the requests for aid.

Article 4:

All *Landsleit*, who are in need (Heaven forbid), are entitled to receive aid from the Society.

Article 5:

Pesach Aid

*Mo'os chitin*¹ is sent out to *landsleit* in the form of a gift. This aid is sent in accordance with the lists which the Executive has in its possession. During the rest of the year, aid is delivered only to those sending personal requests.

Article 6:

The Executive

An Executive Member, who is elected for five terms and holds his office conscientiously during ten years, is automatically declared a Senior and lifelong Executive Member. Such an event is marked with a special celebration.

¹ [TN: Heb., “wheat money”; charity traditionally given to poor people before Passover with which to buy wheat to bake matzos and other holiday necessities.]

The offices of the Executive are:

- a) President
- b) Vice-President
- c) Chairman
- d) Vice-Chairman
- e) General Secretary
- f) Correspondence Secretary
- g) Minutes Secretary
- h) Treasurer

The committees are as follows:

- 1) Arrangements Committee
- 2) Cultural Committee
- 3) Relief Committee
- 4) Reception Committee
- 5) Telephone Communications Committee
- 6) Hospitality Committee
- 7) *Bikur Cholim* Committee
- 8) Audit Committee
- 9) Ladies Auxiliary Committee

The duties of all the committees are to formulate plans and projects and refer them to the Executive. Every committee performs its activity in accordance with the decisions of the Executive.

The minimal composition of a committee is three members.

In order that the *mo'os chitin* be sent out on time, the Relief Committee must apply to the Executive, five weeks in advance of Pesach at the latest, as regards the determination of the monetary sum to be allocated. If it subsequently emerges that the sum is much too small and more is necessary, the Relief Committee must apply to the Executive to allocate an additional sum.

Article 7:

The Czenstochover Landsmanshaft of Montreal is as a single family, and the Society is therefore under the obligation of participating in all joyous occasions of the *landsleit*.

If a *landsmann* (Heaven forbid) is in mourning, all the *landsleit* must interrupt their work and free themselves of their activities and take part, with bowed heads, in the *landsmann's* grief.

Article 8:

Every *landsmann* has the right to vote in elections for an Executive [Board] and, concurrently, the right to be elected. Every elected Executive Member may be chosen for an office which he is capable of performing.

A *landsmann* not contributing to *mo'os chitin* may not hold any office in the Executive.

Should an Executive Member fail to contribute to *mo'os chitin*, he thereby excludes himself from the Management of the Society and is no longer summoned to the meetings thereof.