Motl Silver (Zylberberg)

Born in Częstochowa, he is the son of Chaim and Mania née Staszewska. He arrived in Montreal in 1926 and established himself here.

Motl Sliver was continuously in contact with his parents and his hometown until the outbreak of the Second World Inferno.

If the handful of Częstochower landsleit in Montreal could do nothing during the period while bombs were falling in Europe, the entire Western Hemisphere was entangled in an embittered war against the cruel Nazi Amalek¹ and Jews were being annihilated in the gas-chambers and crematoria.

Soon after the War, on 16th December 1945, they founded a society to aid the Częstochowa Holocaust survivors. At the foundation meeting, Motl Silver was elected as Secretary - he fulfilled his tasks and duties to perfection.

With the arrival of a large number of landsleit from the DP camps in Germany, the Society was reorganised and given the name “Czenstochover Landsmanshaft of Montreal”. The founders of the Society were declared as the Society’s Senior Advisory Committee, which assists in the activities with advice and actions. Motl Silver is a member of the Senior Advisory Committee of the Society and takes part in all its activities.

¹ [TN: The Amalekites, who are mentioned numerous times throughout Hebrew Scripture, are the biblical archenemies of the People of Israel.]