

The Book Committee

Mojsze Ceszyński z''l

Already, from his earliest years - thanks to his father's influence - he was taken with the ideals of Zionism. The Dreyfus trial and the pogroms on Jews in Russia and Poland made a great impression on him.

In 1904, Mojsze Ceszyński joined the *Poalei Zion* Party and took part in all the struggles and perils of the contemporary Revolutionary Movement.

In 1913, he participated, as a delegate from Częstochowa, in the World *Poalei-Zion* Conference in Kraków.

In 1914, together with the management of the Bakery-Workers' Professional Union, he was arrested for his public appearance at one of their meetings and, for several months, he sat in prison.

From 1912 onwards, Mojsze Ceszyński became one of the first pioneers and most important contributors to the Jewish press in Częstochowa and worked on the *Częstochower Reklamen-Blatt*, *Wochenblatt* [Weekly Paper] and *Tageblatt*.

In 1914, on the eve of the First World War, Mojsze Ceszyński left for America.

In 1931 he became a publisher and editor of Jewish books.

In Chicago, Mojsze Ceszyński was one of the first members of YIVO. He was in contact with YIVO in Wilna [and] sent it books and material support. He was active in the Chicago Cultural Society¹. He aided Jewish schools [and] was the founder of the Independent Czenstochover Society.

He was active in the relief work for Częstochowa and was an executive member of the *landsleit* organisations for the Working Land of Israel.

Mojsze Ceszynski's soul ascended on Wednesday, 20th December 1958.

Częstochowa *landsleit*, as well as the Jewish cultural world, will always respectfully mention him favourably.

¹ [TN: Probably refers to the United Jewish Workers' Cultural Society.]