Mojsze Krauze

Częstochowa and Chicago

The Czenstoover Society of Chicago was established in 1927. Its founders were Abram Sz. Miska, Morris Solomon (died in April 1965), Szulim (Sol) Baum, Harry Dukart and Georg Fiszer.

We should also mention the names of the loyal friends who dedicated all their free time to the Czenstoover Society, but were sadly unable to see the fruits of their labour, as they were torn away from us prematurely. These were Howard Feigin (in Częstochowa - Fajgenblat), Frank Auslander (he was not a Częstochower himself, but the husband of a young lady from Częstochowa of the surname Gross) and Harry Wozowski. Honoured be their memory!

In 1940 a split occurred in the organisation and some of the members established a second society, under the name of the “Independent Czenstoover Society”. One of the new society’s leaders was Mojsze Ceszynski (a contributor to the Częstochower Zeitung before travelling to America). In this manner, to this day, there have remained two Częstochowers associations in Chicago.

Following the Second World War, Częstochowa landsleit began arriving in Chicago, the majority of whom joined the Czenstoover Society.

In 1952, a monument was erected, in the cemetery, which was dedicated to all Częstochowers who were killed by the Nazi murderers.
In June 1963, a special ceremony was held, in New York, celebrating the donation of an ambulance, by the Czenstochover Society of Chicago, to Magen David Adom in Israel.

The Częstochower association in Chicago supports [our] needy landsleit who live in Israel, Poland and in other countries. At the same time, we also support various Jewish institutions which turn to us for aid.

*Laying the foundation stone for the Magen David Adom building in Dimona [Southern Israel] which was donated by the Częstochowers of Chicago in 1968.*

*In the photograph: Mr Lampert and his wife, from Chicago; the Rabbi of Dimona.*

*Delegation of Częstochowers from Tel-Aviv: Mmes Grinberg [and] Diamant; Mbrs Efraim, Erlich, Ben-Moshe, Gotlib, Horowicz, Tiber, Jakobi, Kineret, Szymanowicz.*