Mojsze Wajnman

The “Friends of Częstochowa” Society in Paris

The Częstochower landsmannschaft in Paris was already established back in 1926. The group of landsleit who founded the Częstochower Société forty years ago were Blum, Ortman, A. Ferleger, the Wrublewski brothers, A. Slabiak, the Gutman brothers, B. Kopinski, Wajsbard, Cymberknopf, Kamelgarn, Frankowski, A. Kopinski [and] J. Lewkowicz. The association of Częstochowa landsleit was established to aid others, above all assisting in accommodation problems and, often, with money also, in order to enable survival during a period of unemployment.

Al ready in its first days, the Société developed a widely range of activity in a series of areas. With the great inflow of immigration in 1927 and, later in Paris [?], the Częstochower Patronage was established, to assist the Częstochowa political arrestees in the Polish prisons. The Patronage became a parallel organisation, alongside the Société.

During the War years, the society, due to the horrific terror against Jews, was forced to cease its activity.

After the War, we organised the committee anew and the Częstochower Société in Paris grew to become an important communal force in general Jewish life. Together with the social undertakings which the organization conducts for our fellow landsleit in France, at an earlier point, the Société also sent medicines to Israel for Częstochowers who required them, as well as large sums of money for Magen David Adom in Israel.

Each year, on the anniversary of the liquidation of the Częstochowa ghetto, we organise a memorial service, which is also attended by the natives of the neighbouring shtetlach. Each year, before Yom Kippur, we congregate together, with the thousands of Paris Jews, at the Bagneux Cemetery, in front of the monument to the Jewish Resistance and front-line combatants, where we commune with the memory of the other six million martyrs.
Stèle to the martyrs at the [Bagneux] Cemetery in Paris, erected by the Częstochower Committee in Paris.

The current committee consists of:

Prof Lewi – Honorary President
Dawid Wrocławski – President
Mojsze Wajnman – General Secretary
Sam Krzepicki – Treasurer
Abram Kemski [sic Kremski] – Président des Fêtes [Master of Ceremonies]
Pankowski – Président Sanitaire [Health Chairman].