

In Memoriam



*General view of the cemetery, with broken and upturned tombstones;
the gate at the entrance to the Częstochowa cemetery.*

***A Memorial Candle for the martyrs of Częstochowa
and its vicinity, and an eternal commemoration of
their names and personalities***

***– from their surviving vestiges in Israel and the
entire Jewish World* .***

** The commemorations are organised according to the size of the orders, and with the
martyrs' surnames in [Hebrew] alphabetical order (as far as it was technically possible).*

O God, full of compassion¹!

Creator of the earth and the heights, who hears the cry of the despondent, Judge of Widows and Father of Orphans, pray do not remain silent to the blood of Your People Israel which has been spilt like water. Provide a fitting rest upon the wings of the Divine Presence, within the ascents of the holy and the pure, which shine like the starry heaven, to the souls of the six-hundred tens of thousands of Israel and, among them, the members of our holy community of Częstochowa and the holy communities surrounding it; [to the] thousands of men and women, boys and girls, infants and babes who were killed, strangled, drowned, burned and buried alive by the impure and oppressive German Amalekites - in the ghettos of Częstochowa and the vicinity, in the gas chambers of Treblinka and in the rest of the Nazi enemy's death camps.

All [were] holy and pure and, among them, spiritual heroes, prodigies and righteous men, honest ones and the upright of heart, rabbis and pious men, mighty men of Torah and their disciples; may God remember them favourably and may their repose be in the Garden of Eden; may the Merciful One secrete them in the concealment of His wings forever and may He bind their souls in the Bond of Life. God is their inheritance and He shall avenge them and remember, for us, their sacrifice. May their merit stand for us and all Israel.

O land! Do not cover their blood, do not be a resting place for their cries. In their merit, let the dispersed of Israel return to their possession; and let the holy ones be an everlasting memory - their righteousness before God. May they come to peace, and rest upon their places of repose, and awaken and rise up alive at the End of Days.

And let us say Amen!

¹ [TN: Special version of the "El Male Rachamim" memorial prayer, composed for Holocaust victims.]