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## Opening Ceremony of the Kfar Saba Children's Home

For many years, our brethren and *landsleit* in New York have strived to commemorate our parents, brothers and sisters, and all the dear ones, who were annihilated in Częstochowa by Hitler's dark beasts.

The United Czenstochover Relief Committee in America had considered various plans for the erecting of a monument [dedicated] to the destroyed Jewish Częstochowa.

Then, the Workers' *Histadrut* proposed erecting a building, in the name Częstochowa, in one of the children's homes in the *Histadrut's* network of schools.

To this end, we gathered during Pesach 1965 at the Old Settlement in Kfar Saba, where we celebrated the opening of the Częstochowa building.

There, we met fellow *landsleit* from all corners of the country - from Tel-Aviv, Jerusalem, Haifa, Hadera and from *kibbutzim*, [as well as] *Częstochowers* from America, England, and other places - *landsleit* who had left Częstochowa 30-40 years ago, along with others who had come from there only a few years earlier. There were many among us who had, themselves, been in the Nazi camps, with numbers tattooed on their arms and so-called "residents" of the Częstochowa HASAG camp. By a miracle, or simply by chance, they had remained alive. One thing united everyone - the city in which we had been born, where we had dreamed and created.

The ceremony was opened by the leader of the *Misha'an*<sup>1</sup> Institution, Ze'ev Weiner, who greeted all present and lionised the idea of the *Częstochowers* in America - to construct a building in such an important institution, which cares for thousands of unfortunate children, who have been left by their parents due for various reasons, as well as children with other problems, who find there a warm home.

With touching words, Mrs Czarny, Chairwoman of the American Committee, conveyed greetings from our Częstochowa *landsleit* in America.

Further congratulations were extended by Dr Eliyahu Horowicz, Chairman of the *Częstochowers* in Tel-Aviv and Mr Efraim, a member of the committee. Abram Gotlib, Secretary of the *Częstochowers* in Israel, read a salutation from Dr Józef Kruk, who sees this children's home in Kfar Saba as a continuation of the renowned Y.L. Perc Children's Home, which was wiped out by the Nazi criminals. Mrs Czarny and Mr Jakób Leslau unveiled the plaques which the Americans had sent. One plaque is dedicated to Częstochowa and the others plaques [carry] the names of the members of the committee, who had actively participated in the great undertaking to commemorate Jewish Częstochowa.

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<sup>1</sup> [TN: Heb. Support; network of *Histadrut* retirement homes.]

## **The Max Fein Vocational School Adopts Jewish Częstochowa**

It was a work of Fate that Jewish Częstochowa, a city in which, for many years, a professional school named "*Handwerker Schule*" ["Craftsmen School"] operated and which was destroyed together with the Jewish settlement, should now be commemorated by being adopted by the great Max Fein Vocational School in Tel-Aviv, one of the *Histadrut* schools which are spread throughout the entire country.

Together with the Częstochowa *landslait* in Israel and around the world, we are proud that a school, in which Jewish children study, carries the name of Częstochowa and that the teachers and pupils of the Max Fein School bear, with worthiness and honour, the name of the great Jewish city and centre, which was destroyed by Nazi barbarians and murderers, who annihilated our People and city.

