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Częstochower Society in Los Angeles

In 1944, a group of [our] compatriots in Los Angeles founded the “Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society”.

Over the course of the years, the Society in Los Angeles racked up many significant achievements.

Following the liberation of Częstochowa, we put ourselves in contact with the local Jewish Committee there and took upon ourselves the obligation to proffer the fullest aid.



The committee of Czenstochowers in Los Angeles

Standing from left to right: M. Precel, Sz. Hofer, Szlingbaum, P. [or F.] Kozinski, L. Kozinski, B. Grosberg, Pozner, M. Nizinski, Sz. Zenter, H. Goldfarb, R.L. Berman.

Sitting from left to right: J. Hofer, Sz. Szlingbaum, H. Grauman, M. Grosberg, Pozner, M. Zenter, A. Liberman.

A little later, we concentrated our aid towards local [viz. California] institutions in need, such as:

- “City of Hope,” which conducts widespread work to aid people who suffer from various illnesses, in their world-famous sanatorium in Duarte, next to Los Angeles;
- “Mount Sinai Hospital” where poor folk receive free medical care;
- the “[California] Home for the Aged”, in Reseda, next to Los Angeles;
- [and] the “United Jewish Welfare Fund,” which assists local institutions in need.

From time to time, we also send aid to our sister organisations in Israel and Paris.

Every year, in the month of October, we hold a memorial service in commemoration of our annihilated Częstochowa martyrs.