Reb Dawid son of Rabbi Mojsze-Szewach Szuldynger z”l

It is our wish to commemorate, in the Memorial Book of the Jewish Częstochowa that was destroyed, one of its “B’nei Aliyah” [elite; persons of rank] — “Aliyah” quite in the literal sense — our father Reb Dawid Szuldynger z”l, one of the outstanding individuals in our city who tied their futures to that of the Land of Israel, back in the times when many mocked as “dreamers” who dreamt of Zion and the building thereof.

Our father z”l drew his yearning to emigrate to the Land [of Israel] and immerse himself in building it from those prayers concerning the Return to Zion. This passion of his became increasingly stronger as he lectured publically on the legends in the Midrash Rabbah and Sefer HaYoshor [The Book of Uprightness] which speak of the Redemption and the love for the Land [of Israel].

The pogrom against the Jews of Częstochowa, and the anti-Semitism that constantly intensified from day to day, ripened in his heart the conviction that the time had come for him to liquidate his businesses and perform Aliyah. And, indeed, he emigrated in 1925 to the Land of Israel, and bought a plot of land in Tel-Aviv, but only in 1935, once his house had been built, did his wife and daughter join him, who had managed his business in Częstochowa all the years he was absent.

He was greatly pained by the annihilation of the Częstochowa Jewry, and he mourned for his daughter and the members of his family who were unable to emigrate to the Land [of Israel] in time. He did draw some small consolation from the fact that he himself was able to fulfill his dream, and live in his country, as a free man in his homeland.

Our family’s patriarch died at a ripe old age on 29th Adar 5722 [3/3/1962], and we commemorate his name in the Memorial Book of the annihilated Community of Częstochowa.

The Family

In bereavement and sorrow, we evoke the memory of my daughter and our sister,

Chaja-Ester Szuldynger-Berkowicz,
her husband Mojsze, and their son Szulim hy”d,

who were just about to emigrate to the Land [of Israel], but were prevented from doing so by the outbreak of the Second World War, and the bitter hand of Fate — the annihilation of the Jews of Poland by the accused Nazi troops, may their name be obliterated — struck also these our beloved ones.

Their sacred memory shall remain with us evermore!

Her mother Fajgel Szuldynger,
her brothers Tuvia and Uziel, and her sister Rachel

For the loss of our dear parents,

our father Izaak Waldberg hy”d,

and our mother Gittel (née Koniecpolski) hy”d,

who were murdered by the accused Nazis in the Holocaust days in Częstochowa.

We mourn bitterly, and immortalise their names in the Memorial Book of the destroyed Częstochowa Community.

Abram and Zalman Waldberg. Jerusalem

1 [TN: Because he eventually emigrated (made “Aliyah”) to the Land of Israel, as shall be seen.]

2 [TN: Medieval Midrash book of unknown authorship, some parts of which some attribute to the ancient Israelites, although other parts are definitively medieval.]