

Mojsze Krauze

Częstochowa and Chicago

The *Czenstochover Society of Chicago* was established in 1927. Its founders were Abram Sz. Miska, Morris Solomon (died in April 1965), Szulim (Sol) Baum, Harry Dukart and Georg Fiszer.

We should also mention the names of the loyal friends who dedicated all their free time to the Czenstochover Society, but were sadly unable to see the fruits of their labour, as they were torn away from us prematurely. These were Howard Feigin (in Częstochowa - Fajgenblat), Frank Auslander (he was not a *Częstochower* himself, but the husband of a young lady from Częstochowa of the surname Gross) and Harry Wozowski. Honoured be their memory!



***The ceremony of the presentation of the ambulance [to Magen David Adom].
Standing from left to right: Milton Lambert, President of the Chicago Magen David Adom division; Albert Kozlow, Director of Magen David Adom in New York; Mojsze Krauze, President of the Czenstochover Society of Chicago; Martin Fuks, member of the Czenstochover Society of Chicago Executive.***

[TN: Text on ambulance door (in Yiddish):

"A Gift to the State of Israel from the Czenstochover Society of Chicago."

In 1940 a split occurred in the organisation and some of the members established a second society, under the name of the "Independent Czenstochover Society". One of the new society's leaders was Mojsze Ceszynski (a contributor to the *Częstochower Zeitung* before travelling to America). In this manner, to this day, there have remained two *Częstochower* associations in Chicago.

Following the Second World War, *Częstochowa landsleit* began arriving in Chicago, the majority of whom joined the Czenstochover Society.

In 1952, a monument was erected, in the cemetery, which was dedicated to all *Częstochowers* who were killed by the Nazi murderers.

In June 1963, a special ceremony was held, in New York, celebrating the donation of an ambulance, by the Czenstochover Society of Chicago, to Magen David Adom in Israel.

The *Częstochower* association in Chicago supports [our] needy *landsleit* who live in Israel, Poland and in other countries. At the same time, we also support various Jewish institutions which turn to us for aid.



*Laying the foundation stone for the Magen David Adom building in Dimona [Southern Israel] which was donated by the *Częstochowers* of Chicago in 1968.*

In the photograph: Mr Lampert and his wife, from Chicago; the Rabbi of Dimona.

*Delegation of *Częstochowers* from Tel-Aviv: Mmes Grinberg [and] Diamant; Mbrs Efraim, Erlich, Ben-Moshe, Gotlib, Horowicz, Tiberg, Jakobi, Kineret, Szymonowicz.*