

Mojsze Frank

The Częstochower Landsmannschaft of Toronto

The aid society of the *Częstochowers* in Toronto was established in 1943. The following members were voted to the [committee of] management: Mojsze Tarnowsky z''l – Chairman, Sz. Kaminowski - Minutes Secretary, Szymson Lichter - Financial Secretary and David Bernholtz - Treasurer.

The Executive Board comprised: Tz. Orzech, Goldberg, David Bernholtz, M. Pinkus, Woznica, Dolman, Landau, Elster and others.



Częstochower Committee in Toronto (Canada)

A women's committee was also created, which performed an important share of the work of the aid society in Toronto and it excelled in raising large sums of money.

Immediately after the Second World War ended, the society sent shipments of clothing, medication and foodstuffs for the surviving *landsleit* in Częstochowa, Germany, Sweden and the Land of Israel.

At the end of 1948, when a large number of fellow countrymen arrived in Toronto, a general meeting of all *Częstochowers* was held, at which it was decided to broaden the scope of the society's activity and a new management was elected, with the following line-up:

Zysa Lapidus – Chairman;
Josel Goldberg z''l – Vice-chairman;
Leibisz Gliksman – Financial Secretary;
Eli Sztajnic – Minutes Secretary (later, J. Nightingale [Nachtigal] became Minutes Secretary).

The Executive was comprised of the following: Sz. Lichter [sic Lichter], Sz. Kaminowski, D. Bernholtz, M. Pinkus, M. Dolman, M. Frank, L. Borkowski, L. Erlich, G. Bialik, M. Gliksman, Landau [and] Świętarski.

The renewed aid work not only encompassed fellow *landsleit* abroad, but also the *Częstochowers* within Toronto itself. We know who is in need of our assistance. We visit ailing *landsleit* and support widows and orphans.

The memorial services are conducted exclusively within a sacred enclosure, officiated by a rabbi and a cantor and all the *landsleit* recite the traditional *Kaddish*, as well as lighting candles.

We have also immortalised the memory of the Częstochowa martyrs by spending five-thousand dollars to set up a medical centre in the Hatikvah neighbourhood of Tel-Aviv. The ceremonial opening of this centre was held on 8th February 1960, with an attendance of 300 of our *landsleit* who live in Israel, together with our delegates Szymson Lichter and his wife (from Toronto).

The Board of Directors and the Executive of the *Czenstochover and Vicinity Aid Society of Toronto* for the year 1962-1963 comprises the following:

Jankel Nightingale – Past-President;
Jakób Świętarski – President;
Leo Buchwalter – Vice-President;
Mojsze Frank – Minutes Secretary;
Abraham Weinstock – Financial Secretary;
Szmul Gelkopf – Treasurer.

The Executive is comprised of: J. Jakubowicz, Szymon [sic Szymson] Lichter, Szaje Kaminowski, D. Bernholtz, M. Pinkus, H. Zaks, A. Cohen, Z. Lapidus, G. Bialik, M. Chłopak, F. Orbach, L. Mark, M. Działoszyński, H. Federman, D. Forberg, H. Forberg, L. Borkowski, M. Altman, Sz. Waga, A. Czarny, B. Wajsberg, M. Rostowski, S. Socha, Z. Gelber [and] J. Krakowski.