

## **The remarks by the Honorary Consul of Poland in Missouri, Dr. W. Golik, after Dr. J. Grabowski's lecture on Holocaust in Poland and Polish "History Laws" at the Holocaust Museum in St. Louis on March 10, 2019.**

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After introducing himself and thanking Mr. Dan Reich, Curator of the Holocaust Museum, for inviting him to the event, Dr. Golik stated that he plans to work with the Museum on many such events in the future.

Then he made the following remarks:

*"In June 2018, Prime Minister of Poland Morawiecki and Prime Minister of Israel Netanyahu signed a binding political declaration covering all the important aspects of research of the common history of Poles and Jews under German occupation during the 2'nd World War.*

*The repeal by the Polish Parliament of the amendment to the Act of the Institute of National Remembrance, which caused misunderstanding and anxiety on the part of foreign partners, confirms the Polish authorities' respect for the freedom of scientific research and artistic expression.*

*Personally I absolutely support freedom of research & freedom of expression regarding all aspects of history of all times and of all nations. When it comes to the history of Poland under the German Third Reich occupation I urge all researchers, those from Poland and those from abroad, to continue their research on all aspects of human behavior among the occupied population in Poland. There are many areas of history of those times that require a tremendous amount of further research.*

*Recently I have read a monograph by an Israeli archeologist, Efraim Stern from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In his monograph Prof. Stern describes in meticulous detail the excavations dating from the Assyrian occupation of kingdoms of Israel, Judah, Philistia, Phoenicia, and Transjordan. As we all know, about 2700 years ago the Assyrian Empire - a very sophisticated, powerful, and civilized state - invaded and subjugated the Promised Land. Over several decades the invaders destroyed many towns and villages, murdered thousands, enslaved or deported tens of thousands.*

***Eighty years ago, in 1939, the Assyrians invaded again – this time they invaded Poland and occupied it for six long, brutal years.***

***Millions of people were murdered, millions of others enslaved or deported. There is no doubt that among the slaves there were those who murdered or betrayed their neighbors. There is also no doubt that there were slaves who risked their own lives and lives of their families to save their neighbors. More research is needed to understand what really had happened in occupied Poland.***

***But in the end, Ladies and Gentlemen, but in the end –  
for the deaths of millions,  
for degradation, demoralization, despair,  
for unending tears of those who survived –  
we need to blame the Assyrians...***

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