



Towarzystwo Jana Karckiego
Jan Karcki Society

We wish to announce the award for 2018 of the Jan Karcki's Eagle Prize. This prize was the only one established by Him during his lifetime and bears His name.

The Award Committee, with the participation of the Laureates of this prize – including the metropolitan of Cracow, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz; Archbishop Alfons Nossol; Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek; Father Adam Boniecki; the former President of Poland, Aleksander Kwaśniewski; professors: Richard Pipes, Julian Kornhauser, Karol Modzelewski; and the relatives of Jan Karcki, represented by His niece and god-daughter, dr Wiesława Kozielska – decided to award two prizes in the context of two approaching anniversaries, important from the point of view of Polish-Jewish relations.

The prizes are bestowed upon:

The Ghetto Fighters' House (Bet Lochame ha-Geta'ot)

**for bearing witness to the memory of the fighters in ghettos
for the honor and dignity of the Jewish Nation**

The Ghetto Fighters' House, created in 1950 in the Lochame ha-Geta'ot kibbutz, was the first Holocaust museum in the world. Surviving insurgents of the Warsaw and Vilna ghettos and former concentration camp prisoners, living in this kibbutz, promoted the creation of this Museum. Among them were revered members of the Jewish resistance movement in occupied Poland, Antek (Icchak) Cukierman and Celina (Cywia) Lubetkin. Today, this is a modern museum and educational center, receiving thousands of visitors and participants of educational programs from the whole world.

**Posthumously General Wladyslaw Anders
for his courage in supporting the fight
for an independent Jewish state**

General Wladyslaw Anders, after having brought his army out of the Soviet Union to the Middle East, had to cope with circumstances, in which soldiers of the Polish Army of Jewish extraction started to express their wish to enter Jewish combat organizations and to fight for the creation of a Jewish state. Their vast majority wished to leave the Anders Army with full honors, not as deserters. The General made this possible, risking a conflict with the British Administration of the Palestine Mandate. As a result some fifteen hundred officers and soldiers left the Anders Army in order to fight for an Israeli State. They passed this test with full honors. Among them was a graduate of the Warsaw University, cadet-officer Menachem Begin (Mieczysław Biegun), who became a friend of General Anders, and became one of the most important creators of Israel, its president and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

The creator and patron of the Eagle Prize, Professor Jan Karski, during his active life cooperated with General Anders. He also visited the Museum.

The prizes will be awarded in Israel and in Poland. Representing those honored, they will be received by the Director General of the Museum, dr Anat Livne, and the General's daughter – senator Anna Maria Anders. Both ladies expressed their pride and satisfaction due to the decision of the Chapter of the Prize. They consider the patron of the prize to be a priceless figure, whose importance in Polish-Jewish and Polish-Israeli relationships cannot be overestimated.



General Władysław Anders and Cadet-officer Menachem Begin (Mieczysław Biegun), whom General Anders released from his military oath to enable him to participate in the fight for the independence of the Jewish State



The Ghetto Fighters' House and its legendary creators, the married couple of heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto, Celina (Cywia) Lubetkin and Antek (Icchak) Cukier

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