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"PASSPORTS TO PARAGUAY" to be screened in Moscow, 6 June, 8 p.m.

As part of the exhibition entitled "He, Who Saves One Life, Saves an Entire Universe. The Righteous Among the Nations and Their Stories", the Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center, in collaboration with the Polish Institute in Moscow, is hosting a premiere screening of "Passports to Paraguay".

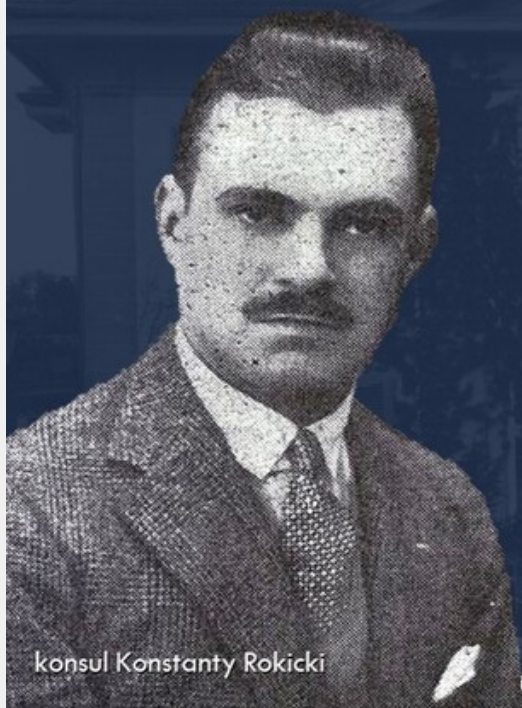
INSTITUTE OF NATIONAL REMEMBRANCE's
documentary film
written and directed by ROBERT KACZMAREK

PASSPORTS TO PARAGUAY





PASZPORTY PARAGWAJU



During the Second World War Polish diplomats from Bern created a Polish-Jewish system of illegal production of passports, aimed at saving the lives of European Jews from extermination.

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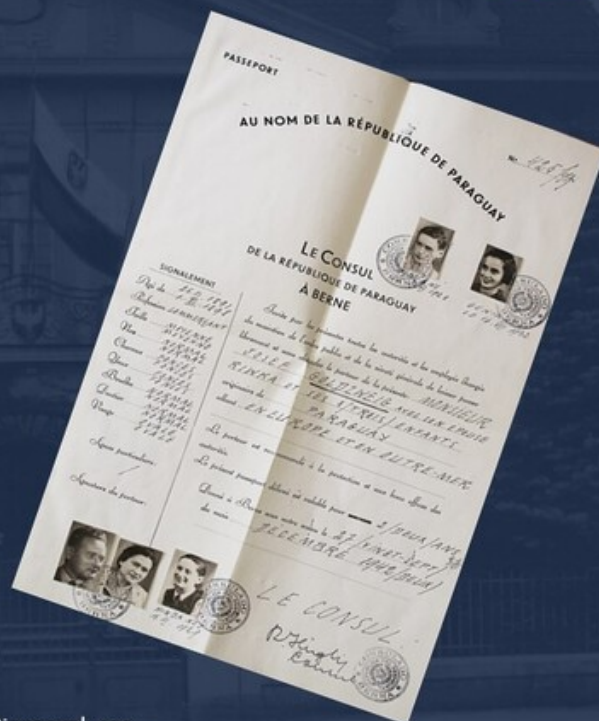
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PASZPORTY PARAGWAJU



The fake passports
of Paraguay, Peru,
El Salvador, Honduras
and Haiti often contained
data of several people
and even whole families.



PASZPORTY PARAGWAJU



In the face of the Germans' discovery of the elaborate system of passport fraud, only Paraguay recognized the authenticity of the documents. This enabled several hundred people to be saved.



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The documentary presents activities of the Ładoś Group – a secret Polish-Jewish circle which forged documents on a large scale in order to rescue Jews during the Second World War. Passports of Latin American countries, mostly Paraguay, El Salvador, Honduras, Bolivia, Peru and Haiti, protected their holders from deportation to German concentration camps. Instead these people were transferred to internment camps, where some of them saw the end of the war. The group consisted of diplomats of Jewish and Polish descent and included Polish Consul to Bern in the years 1939 – 1945 Konstanty Rokicki, Polish Envoy Aleksander Ładoś, his deputy Stefan Ryniewicz, and Juliusz Kühl, another diplomat.

The Polish-language documentary will be screened with Russian

subtitles.

Following the screening, a debate with the participation of the Museum's guest of honour, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Switzerland Mr. Jakub Kumoch, is to be held. Also present will be Mr. Włodzimierz Marciniak, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to the Russian Federation.

The debate will be moderated by Mr. Piotr Czieriomuszkina, a senior research fellow at the Russian Society in XXIst Century Researchers Association. This Polish language and literature specialist with Ph.D. in history of art is the author of the first full biography of Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski in Russian. Having graduated from the Journalism Faculty of the Moscow State University, he worked for the TASS agency, then, at the end of the year 2000 became the Interfax agency correspondent in Washington, and between 2013 and 2018 worked for Radio Svoboda Russian Service.

The Museum's guest of honour, Mr. Jakub Kumoch is a political scientist, a European and Oriental studies graduate who has worked as an analyst for the Centre for Eastern Studies, the Polish Institute of International Affairs and the Sobieski Institute. In the course of his professional career he has studied, among others, international relations in the Balkans, French foreign policy, external activity of the European Union, and international monitoring of elections. Since 2016 he has served as the Republic of Poland's Ambassador to Switzerland, also accredited to Liechtenstein. Having assumed his post in Bern, he became interested in the activities of Polish diplomats in Switzerland

who rescued Jews during the Second World War.

Venue: Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center, Obraztsova St. 11, building 1A.

The trailer of the film :

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