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## Dr Mateusz Szpytma, Deputy President of the Institute of National Remembrance awarded with the "Pro Patria" medal

On 13-18 October 2019, the 4th summit of Poles rescuing Jews under German occupation, organised by the Office for War Veterans and Victims of Oppression, is taking place in Israel. Apart from the Polish Righteous, the pilgrimage to the Holy Land is attended by veterans of the 2nd Polish Corps of Gen. Władysław Anders as well as veterans of the Home Army and other armed forces from World War II. There is a delegation of the IPN headed by the Deputy President Dr. Mateusz Szpytma.



On 14 October 2019, during the celebrations in Tiberias the award ceremony of the 'Pro Patria' and 'Pro Bono Poloniae' medals was held. The medals were handed to those Poles who saved Jews during the Holocaust as well as others distinguished in cultivating the memory of Polish independence traditions. Dr Mateusz Szpytma , who, for the Institute, is in charge of the issues related to Polish-Jewish relations, was among the laureates of the "Pro Patria" medal. Dr Szpytma is the initiator, co-founder and former director of the Ulma Family Museum of Poles Saving Jews in World War II in Markowa. It is the first institution of this type in Poland to commemorate those Poles who risked their lives

and tried to save or saved Jews during German occupation.

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