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With regard to the Institute's initiative, we are all the more pleased to note that the square on Strażacka Street in Częstochowa will be named after Samuel Willenberg. What is more, this is also the location of the Memorial to Częstochowa Jews, a commemoration designed by Willenberg himself and unveiled in the autumn of 2009. It is worth mentioning that the Institute of National Remembrance was one of the institutions supporting the initiative of naming the square, from where the Jews of Częstochowa were deported to death camps such as Treblinka during the war, after Samuel Willenberg.

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The IPN's exhibition "The Image of Treblinka in the Eyes of Samuel Willenberg" was intended not only to educate about the tragedy of the Holocaust, but also to familiarize the younger generation with the author of the sculptures, a Jew from Częstochowa, a soldier of the September campaign, a prisoner of Treblinka, a participant in the camp rebellion, a Warsaw insurgent, and an advocate of reconciliation between Polish and Jewish nations.

After the ceremonial opening of the exhibition in Warsaw on 28 January 2020, with the participation of Ada Krystyna Willenberg, the widow of the artist, the sculptures were presented at the IPN branches in Lublin, Cracow and Kielce, as well as in Gdańsk (at the Museum of the Second World War) and Częstochowa (at the Częstochowa Museum). On the basis of the exhibition, a virtual tour in Polish and English was also created. It is available at:

<https://lastwitness.eu/>



The exhibitions in individual cities were accompanied by educational workshops for young people prepared by the IPN's educators. We are extremely pleased that Samuel Willenberg will be commemorated in his hometown, at the same time reminding young generations of the tragedy of war and of human heroism.



Ada Willenberg,
Alon Goldman,
Marek
Magierowski



Ada Willenberg,
Alon Goldman



Ada Willenberg,
Ambassador
Marek
Magierowski

In the company of family members and in the presence of the Polish Ambassador to Israel, Marek Magierowski and his wife, Alon Goldman, the President of the Association of Częstochowa Jews in Israel, presented Ada Willenberg with a personal letter from the Mayor of Czestochowa, Krzysztof Matyjaszczyk, officially informing her of the decision to accept his proposal to name a square in Częstochowa after her late husband, Samuel Willenberg. Attached to the letter was a decision of the City Council which chose the location where the monument in memory of the Czestochowa Jews, the victims of the Ghetto and the Hasag forced labor camp stand as the proper place, a decision made unanimously.

Ada Willenberg thanked the Mayor for the respect the city bestows on her late husband and noted that these days, this is not something to be taken for granted. She also noted that the monument in memory of Czestochowa Jews, which was unveiled in 2009, was erected on the initiative of Holocaust Survivor, a native of Czestochowa and an Honorary Citizen of the city, Sigmund Rolat, who chose Samuel Willenberg as the artist to design and erect the monument.

More informaion about the travelling exhibition:

"The Image of Treblinka in the Eyes of Samuel Willenberg"
exhibition prepared by the Institute of National
Remembrance is now on display in Częstochowa, the

sculptor's home town.

"The Image of Treblinka in the Eyes of Samuel Willenberg" exhibition

The exhibition of Samuel Willenberg's 15 bronze sculptures depicting life in the German death camp in Treblinka, can be seen at the IPN's "Przystanek Historia" Educational Center in Cracow until 13 September 2020.

"The Image of Treblinka in the Eyes of Samuel Willenberg" exhibition - Gdańsk, 15 July - 13 August 2020

We would like to invite everyone to "The Image of Treblinka in the Eyes of Samuel Willenberg" exhibition organized by the IPN, and currently being presented at the Museum of the Second World War in Gdańsk.

"The Image of Treblinka in the Eyes of Samuel Willenberg" exhibition - Lublin, 16 June - 10 July 2020

A virtual tour of "The Image of Treblinka in the Eyes of Samuel Willenberg" exhibition

"The Image of Treblinka in the Eyes of Samuel Willenberg" exhibition in Warsaw

The official opening of the "Treblinka in the eyes of Samuel Willenberg" exhibition - Warsaw - 28 January 2020

Samuel Willenberg - Everybody's hero

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