

Subject: Jews after the war. The situation of Polish Jews in Polish People's Republic and Poland after 1989.

Objectives:

After the lesson participants should be able to:

- enumerate major stages of developing the attitude towards Jews in post-war Poland
- name myths concerning Jews (e.g. ritual murders, wealth, etc) and crucial issues in Polish-Jewish relations (e.g. the attitude of Poles towards Jews, Jewish property claims after WWII)

Timing: 90 min.

Required materials:

Computer
Projector

Extra materials:

1. "Obcy IV" (2007), a movie by Borys Lankosz. The film available for free at <http://www.tvp.pl/vod/filmy-fabularne/filmy-za-darmo/obcy-vi>
2. Additional reading for the T: Michael C. Steinlauf „Pamięć nieprzyswojona” Warsaw 2001. (“Bondage to the Dead: Poland and the Memory of the Holocaust”)

Lesson plan:

1. T introduces the subject and lesson objectives explaining that the first part of the class will consist in a lecture.

Timing – 2 min.

2. T enumerates and elaborates on subsequent stages in the history of Polish-Jewish relations in post-war (WWII) Poland:

- a) Period just after the war, including accounts of Righteous among the Nations
- b) The period of Stalinism
- c) March 1968
- d) The 1980s, “second circulation” of culture
- e) The end of 1989 and the beginning of 1990
- f) The 1990s and now – remembering and manifestations of anti-Semitism

Timing – 30 min.

3. T presents photos of remains of Jewish buildings, sacred sites etc, in the region and their present state.

Timing – 5 min.

4. T introduces the film.

Timing – 3 min.

5. Ss watch the movie “Obcy IV”, directed by Borys Lankosz.

Timing – 30 min.

6. Questions about and commentary on the film and the photograph presentation, discussion. The discussion part should include myths regarding Jews (e.g. ritual murders, wealth, etc) and crucial issues in Polish-Jewish relations (e.g. the attitude of Poles towards Jews, Jewish property claims after WWII

Timing – 15 min.