

**WELCOME REMARKS**  
**AT RE-OPENING OF ZAMOSC SYNAGOGUE**

Jest to dla mnie wielki zaszczyt, że mogę wziąć udział w ponownym otwarciu tej historycznej renesansowej synagogi.

Wiem, że Fundacja Ochrony Dziedzictwa Żydowskiego wykonała ogrom pracy przy jej rewitalizacji. Chciałbym pogratulować wspaniałego efektu tej pracy!

It is my great honor to witness the re-opening of this historic Renaissance synagogue, one of the most spectacular monuments to Jewish heritage in Poland.

And I compliment the men and women of the Foundation for the Protection of Jewish Heritage for their tireless work to restore this synagogue. Beginning this week, the Synagogue Center will serve as a cultural and educational meeting place for the citizens of Zamosc and for visitors from around the world, including the United States.

This is just one of the many fine examples of the Foundation's work to restore Jewish sites of historic and cultural significance.

By restoring historic sites destroyed by the Nazis, you teach Polish history to the world – the history of a land where people of different backgrounds and heritage lived together for a 1,000 years. You bring back memory. You highlight the true richness and diversity of Poland's heritage.

In the process, you have helped to promote mutual understanding, respect, and tolerance – all essential elements of Poland’s multicultural heritage. I congratulate you for your dedication to this worthy task.

I am delighted that Mayor Zamoyski is here today, and grateful for his support for this important project. *Dziękuję Panie Prezydencie!*

It is a great honor to witness another chapter in the great history of the Zamoyski family, and the city of Zamosc. This project is a testimony to you and to the people of Zamosc, and is an example to us all.

Nearly two-thirds of American Jews, myself included, can trace their heritage to Poland. In that sense, the restoration of this synagogue is another important link in the strong and enduring ties between Poland and the United States.

To Director Krawczyk; Chairman Kadlcik; Mayor Zamoyski; Rabbi Schudrich; Bishop Cislo; Ambassadors Ner, Nygaard, von Fritsch, and Peleg; Isaac Herzog; major donors; and all the men and women of the Foundation and the Jewish Community who have worked so hard on this project, I offer my heartfelt congratulations and my deepest gratitude. And I congratulate the donor countries: Iceland, Lichtenstein, and Norway.

This is truly a remarkable day. Thank you. *Dziękuję bardzo.*