

## [International Virtual Lecture Series: Talking Memory with Guest Speakers Professor Jan Grabowski and Professor Natalia Aleksium](#)

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The Ghetto Fighters' House invites you to a

Special "**Talking Memory**" Program

with

Prof. Jan Grabowski

and

Prof. Natalia Aleksium

## **Defending Holocaust Scholarship**

### **Thursday, March 4, 2021**

11 AM PST

1 PM CST

2 PM EST

7 PM GMT

9 PM IL

#### **Registration**

**is**

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Jan Grabowski and Barbara Engelking were sued last year in civil court by the Polish League against Defamation, which has close ties to the right-wing ruling Law and Justice Party, on behalf of the niece of a figure discussed in their 2018 book "*Night without an End*," about Polish collaboration during the Holocaust. Last month, a Polish court ordered the two Polish Holocaust historians to apologize for having accused this figure, a village mayor, of collaborating with the Nazis in World War II. Grabowski is appealing the decision.

In this timely program, Grabowski and Aleksium will discuss the trial, its implications, and the

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impact on Holocaust research.

About the Speakers:

### Jan Grabowski

Jan Grabowski is a Professor of History at the University of Ottawa. His interests focus on the Holocaust in Poland and, more specifically, on the relations between Jews and Poles during the war. Professor Grabowski's book: ***Hunt for the Jews. Betrayal and Murder in German-Occupied Poland*** was awarded the Yad Vashem International Book Prize for 2014. In 2020 Grabowski was appointed a Distinguished Fellow at the Institut für Zeitgeschichte in Munich, Germany. His most recent book "***On Duty. The Role of the Polish "Blue" Police in the Holocaust***" ("Na Posterunku. Udział Polskiej Policji Granatowej i kryminalnej w Zagładzie Żydów", Czarne Publishing House), was published in Poland, in March 2020. He is a member of the Royal Society of Canada and has held fellowships and guest professorships at the Institut für Zeitgeschichte (Munich), the University of Haifa, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and Yad Vashem.

### Natalia Aleksium

Natalia Aleksium is Professor of Modern Jewish History at the Graduate School of Jewish Studies, Touro College New York. She published extensively on Polish Jewish history, Jewish historiography and Polish-Jewish relations in the 20th century. She published *Where to? The Zionist Movement in Poland, 1944-1950* and co-edited two volumes of *Polin* examining Holocaust memory and Jewish historiography. She has recently published a critical edition of *The Destruction of Żółkiew Jews* by Gershon Taffet. Her book *Conscious History: Polish Jewish Historians before the Holocaust* is forthcoming this year. She is preparing a volume of *Polin* devoted to Jewish childhoods, children and child rearing in Eastern Europe and a monograph on Jews in hiding in Eastern Galicia during the Holocaust. She is a co-editor in chief of East European Jewish Affairs.