



INVITATION

to the exhibition

Assassination of Reinhard Heydrich

on August 6, 2012 from 17:30

in Dvora Fischer Gallery at ZOA House

(Ibn Gvirol 26, Tel Aviv)

with an opening word by Dr. Eli Fischer

and the Ambassador Tomáš Pojar

followed by a glass of Czech beer

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The exhibition is open from July 24 to August 22, 2012

The exhibition **Assassination of Reinhard Heydrich – the death of the Holocaust architect**, has been put together in order to remember the 70th anniversary of the operation organized by the Czechoslovakia anti-nazi resistance movement and carried out in the framework of, as called, operation ANTHROPOID by paratroopers Jan Kubis and Jozef Gabčík on May 27, 1942. This act resulted in the death and elimination of one of the most fanatic nazi also known as one of the major holocaust idea bearer. This operation also represents a significant event not only for the Czech history in the 20th century but also for the 2nd world war course. As assassination revenge the nazi burned villages Lidice and Ležaky and murdered thousands of Czechs who took part in anti-nazi resistance movement.

The exhibition, mainly focused on the war period 1939 – 1945, is composed of 15 pannels placed in to five display cases. The exhibition core is describing situation in the fall of 1941, when Heydrich is arriving to Prague, to his assassinaton in May 1942. The pannels show the assassination preparation and its execution by the members of the Czechoslovakian units abroad and the consequences coming from the Germans for the Czech nation after the Heydrich's death. Very significant part of the display is dedicated to the Heydrich's plans, also known as the final solution of the Jewish question, he had been working on since 1939.

The display also introduces broader relationships between the Czech and Jewish nations mainly in the 20th century beginning from the personality of the Czechoslovakia president Masaryk who was representing one of the defenders in, as called, Hilsner's affair till the end of 1940's when Czechoslovakia assisted to the young state of Israel in the weapon delivery. Besides the text and photo documents there will also be shown some parts directly connected to the assassination. For example: parts of parachutes, uniforms and personal belongings of the soldiers who committed the assassination.

The exhibition has been put together by the authors from the Military History Institute Prague that belongs to the most significant military history institutions in the Czech Republic and of which tradition reaches to 1920's of the last century.

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