

## Announcement by the Resistance Movement in the Warsaw Ghetto (1)

The famed Uprising, in April and May, 1943 in the Warsaw Ghetto, is universally regarded as a turning point, an absolutely new departure, not only in the chronicles of Jewish resistance to the German oppressor, but also in the history of the general struggle for the liberation of Warsaw. This was the first time when Jews took part in a major, indeed large-scale battle of that struggle. For the first time, after the defeat in 1939, the thunder of cannon and the echoing clutter of machine-guns were heard again in the capital city of Poland. The Jewish Uprising induced changes in the struggle of the Polish underground movement, which until then had concentrated its efforts mainly on acts of sabotage, and on acquiring arms and ammunition by disarming German soldiers and police. April 19, 1943, became a symbol of the Jewish public's contribution to the fight for freedom from the Nazi regime, and a motivating factor in the war of the Polish underground.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

IT IS HEREBY MADE PUBLICLY KNOWN THAT AS A RESULT OF THE INDICTMENT OF THE DIRECTORSHIP, OFFICERS AND FUNCTIONARIES OF THE JEWISH ORDER SERVICE IN WARSAW, ABOUT WHICH NOTICE HAD BEEN GIVEN IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF 17.8, THE SENTENCE PASSED ON *JAKUB LEJKIN* WAS CARRIED OUT ON 29.10 AT 6.10 P.M.

FURTHER DRASTIC MEASURES WILL BE APPLIED WITH THE UTMOST SEVERITY.

IT IS HEREBY ALSO MADE PUBLICLY KNOWN THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN IDICTED:

THE DIRECTING BOARD AND THE JEWISH COUNCIL IN WARSAW, FOR COLLABORATION WITH THE INVADER AND FOR SIGNING THE DEPORTATION DOCUMENT.

THE SHOP DIRECTORS AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGERS IN THE SHOPS WHO ARE EXPLOITING AND OPPRESSING THE WORKERS.

THE WERKSCHUTZ GROUP LEADERS AND FUNCTIONARIES FOR THEIR BRUTAL TREATMENT OF THE WORKERS AND OF THE 'ILLEGAL' JEWISH POPULATION.

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Warsaw, 30.10.1042

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