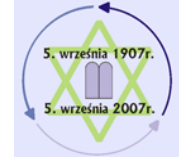




# POZNAŃ SYNAGOGUE PROJECT



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## **Re: Poznań Synagogue – German Jewish Involvement Going Forward**

Dear Piotr,

You've never been very good at answering difficult or complex questions, so I will ask you a very simple and direct one. I am sure that the many thousands of people around the world who are interested in the future of the former synagogue in Poznań are waiting to learn your response. I hope you won't disappoint them.

Here is the question:

How can the ZGWŻ justify its failure to invite German Jewish organizations and experts to participate in the planning and implementation of the future of the former synagogue in Poznań, known as the "Neue Synagoge Posen" when it was built in the German provincial capital of Posen in 1907?

In answering the question, kindly keep in mind that the former synagogue was designed by German architects, paid for by a German foundation, decorated by German decorators, and presided over by German rabbis who conducted their services in German (with Hebrew, of course). To Poznań Synagogue Project it seems that the behavior of the ZGWŻ amounts to an effort to deny German Jews their rightful place in the future of their patrimony.

Please comment.

This letter and your reply to it, assuming there is one, will be posted on the PSP website, which we are very happy to note has received nearly 24,000 hits, more than 19,000 of them since we launched our competition for the future of the synagogue last January.

Thank you.

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President of PSP

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