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Marek Edelman

This 4.50-zł *Priority S* stamp honors the political and social activist, Marek Edelman (1919?-2009), the last surviving leader of the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. Before World War II, he was active in the General Jewish Labor Bund, and during the war he co-founded the underground Jewish Combat Organization (*Żydowska Organizacja Bojowa*). He became leader of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising in 1943 after the death of Mordechaj Anielewicz. He was able to escape the Ghetto through the sewer system that linked to other parts of Warsaw, and later joined the Polish People's Army (*Armia Ludowa*), and participated in the citywide Warsaw Uprising in 1944.

After the war, Edelman studied at Łódź Medical School and became a noted cardiologist. Throughout his life, he was an anti-Zionist, believing that Poland alone was his country. He aimed for a *just, socialist Poland in which each nationality would have its own cultural autonomy, and in which minorities' rights would be guaranteed*. In 1976, he became an activist with the Workers' Defense Committee (*Komitet Obrony Robotników*) and later joined in the Solidarity movement. He wrote several books on the history of wartime resistance against the Nazi German occupation of Poland. In the 1990's, he condemned international indifference during the Bosnian Genocide; and often spoke in defense of the Palestinian people. He was buried in the Jewish Cemetery in Warsaw with full military honors. Many of Poland's leaders attended the ceremony, including President Lech Kaczyński, Lech Wałęsa, Tadeusz Mazowiecki, and Bishop Tadeusz Pieronek.

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XXIV Olympic Winter Games Beijing 2022

The 2022 international Olympic Winter Games are recognized on this 4-zł stamp that shows ski tracks in the snow and the logo of the Polish Olympic Committee. The Games were held in China in the city of Beijing and surrounding areas on February 4-20, 2022. Over 2,800 athletes from 91 nations participated in 109 sporting events. Poland was represented by 57 competitors in 10 events; David Kubacki won a bronze medal in Men's Ski Jumping. Norway won the most medals (37) in the Games.

The Games were subject to various concerns and controversies, including alleged human rights violations by the host nation (Uyghur genocide); a champion Russian figure skater's positive drug test before the Games; and the required health and safety protocols relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, including inadequate food service and training facilities at the athletes' quarantine hotels. The Games were diplomatically boycotted by 11 nations, including the USA. The next Games will be held in 2026 in the Italian cities of Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo, and other nearby venues in northern Italy. The pane includes QR and numeric bar codes in the margin.

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XIII Winter Paralympics Beijing 2022

This 4-zł stamp highlights the Paralympic Winter Games held in China in the city of Beijing and outlying areas on March 4-13, 2022. Over 560 athletes from 46 nations including Poland competed in 78 events in five major winter sports groups: Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing, Para Ice Hockey, Snow-Boarding, and Wheelchair Curling. These Games were also the subject of controversy; the International Paralympic Committee acted to exclude Russian and Belarusian athletes from competing because of Russia's military invasion of the Ukraine and the support of this action by Belarus.

The stamp shows the logo of the Polish Paralympic Committee and two accomplished Polish athletes with disabilities. The first of these is Iweta Faron, a competitor in the Biathlon Sprint in Nordic Skiing who competed at the 2018 Paralympic Games in Pyeongchang, South Korea; this event combines cross-country skiing and rifle shooting. Her disability is an underdeveloped right hand, a congenital condition. The other athlete shown is Witold Skupień who competed in Cross-Country Skiing, another Nordic Skiing event, in both the 2014 and 2018 Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia, and

Pyeongchang, South Korea, respectively. His disability is missing forearms due to an electric shock. The margin of the pane includes QR and numeric bar codes.

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This 3.60-zł *Economy S* stamp shows patches from the uniforms of the Polish Army (*Wojsko Polskie*), Border Guards (*Straż Graniczna*), and Police (*Poljczna*) in order to recognize the work of these public servants in protecting Poland. The playful title of the stamp may be interpreted as *We Love What's Behind the Polish Uniform*. The official first day cover shows a Polish border marker and the silhouette of a guardsman with binoculars. [Note: Previous stamps were issued for the *Army of the Reborn Republic of Poland* (dated November 11, 2018), and the *100th Anniversary of the Establishment of the State Police* (dated July 24, 2019). See the summaries of these stamps in *Polonus Bulletin* 578, issued in March 2000; and *Polonus Bulletin* 582, issued in March 2001.]

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Poles to the World

On the general subject of famous Poles who worked in other countries (*Polacy Świata*), this 4-zł stamp specifically calls attention to Józef Gosławski aka Yosif Vikentievich Goslavsky (1865-1904) who was an architect in Baku for most of his life. The stamp shows a panoramic drawing of the City Duma, now the Baku City Council Building that he designed. [Note: A previous eight-stamp issue from May 31, 2019, entitled *Polish Architects in Azerbaijan*, included three stamps showing his architectural work in Baku, including the Baku City Hall. See the summaries for these stamps in *Polonus Bulletin* 581 issued in December 2020.]

Gosławski was born near Warsaw in Congress Poland to an aristocratic Polish family and went to school at the Institute of Civil Engineering in Saint Petersburg. He was then appointed chief architect for the city of Baku, the present-day capital of Azerbaijan. He

designed many public and private buildings in that city during his lifetime. The official first day cover for the stamp shows a photograph of him with his wife and two children.

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