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**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising**

**75 years ago today, on April 19, 1943, Polish Jews imprisoned in the largest Ghetto in occupied Europe launched an armed uprising against Nazi German occupation forces in what would become known as the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.**

**Against all odds, they stood their ground for nearly a month against the well-equipped Waffen-SS, refusing to be deported to the gas chambers in the Treblinka death camp.**

**The Polish Council to Aid Jews, Żegota, transferred arms, ammunition and explosives into the Warsaw ghetto prior to the uprising to aid Jews inside wishing to mount self-defense. By the time of the outbreak of the uprising, Irena Sendler, the head of the Children's section of Żegota had also succeeded in rescuing 2,500 Jewish children from the Ghetto.**

**Sadly, in spite of the heroic efforts of the uprising, over 13,000 people were brutally killed after the Nazi Germans decided to liquidate the Ghetto by burning to the ground.**

**The heroic act of resistance by Polish Jews against the Nazi German occupation forces who sought to exterminate them helped to inspire the broader Warsaw Uprising that followed in 1944, and continues to inspire us to this day.**

**Let us never forget the heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.**