

ABSTRACT OF A DOCTORAL THESIS

The Kielce pogrom and its sociohistorical context in the awareness of Kielce residents

The study consists of two parts. The first one regards a wider historical context of the Kielce events, without which it is impossible to understand many aspects of the pogrom and the then entire reality. The second one covers the review and analysis of Kielce residents' attitudes to the tragic events that took place on 4 July 1946. The work shows how today, after 69 years, Kielce inhabitants perceive the pogrom against the Jews and how it functions in their awareness. The two parts of the work were divided into seven chapters preceded with an introduction. Chapter One is a concept behind the work, dealing with notional and methodological issues. Chapter Two was devoted to the sociopolitical situation in Poland in 1944-1947. It describes, among other things, the formation of a communist state on the Polish territories, the USSR policy towards Central Eastern European countries, particularly Poland. Chapter Three is an overall description of Kielce, provides sociodemographic data of its residents and shows an outline of the spatial development of the city from 1945. Chapter Four presents the essence and causes of the Kielce pogrom. The course of events was shown in a chronological order. Chapter Five is devoted to methodology of empirical research. Chapter Six presents research findings. Chapter Seven presents a verification of research problems and hypotheses. A summary and conclusions were shown in the concluding part of the thesis.