In the years 1945-1950 a unique Jewish community existed in Polish Lower Silesia. The talk will be about how the establishment of a full-blown totalitarian system of power caused the demise of Jewish autonomy in Lower Silesia.

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