

## International Visitors Leadership Program Alumni

### Luncheon Speaker, Saturday, February 13



#### ALBERT STANKOWSKI

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"Virtual Shtetl" Project

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**A**lbert Stankowski has been the Coordinator of "Virtual Shtetl" project in the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in Warsaw, Poland since 2007. The project was prominently mentioned in the January 19, 2010 issue of the *New York Times*.

Mr. Stankowski has been with the Museum of the History of Polish Jews since 2003, working on preserving Jewish cultural heritage as Project Coordinator and Public Relations Specialist. He also works for the Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Warsaw, Poland. Mr. Stankowski is founder of Polish-Israeli Friendship Society in Kolobrzeg, Poland, which he also managed between 2000 and 2001. He coordinated multiple annual editions of "Days of Tolerance" in Kolobrzeg, with more than 180 participants from Poland, Israel, Germany, Lithuania, Estonia, Ukraine, Russia, United Kingdom, United States, and other countries.

Mr. Stankowski graduated from the University of Szczecin, Poland in 1995 with an M.A. in History, writing his thesis on emigration of Jews from Western Poland in 1945-1960. From 1995-2000, Mr. Stankowski studied Political Science at the University of Szczecin. In 2007 Mr. Stankowski completed post-graduate studies in Business Management at Warsaw School of Economics. He was a visiting scholar at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1998-1999), receiving a one-year fellowship from the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He ran a course on Middle East politics, Holocaust Studies, and International Terrorism, and he conducted literary research on Polish-Israeli relations between 1945-1970. Mr. Stankowski was also a visiting scholar at United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (2001). In 2000-2001, he conducted a one-year course entitled "Jews in Poland after 1945" at the History Department of the University of Warsaw. Currently, Mr. Stankowski has begun work on his Ph.D.

Mr. Stankowski is the recipient of numerous fellowships. He received grants from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York, the Kosciuszko Foundation, and the J. and O. Winter Fund, Batory Foundation, Leopold Kronenberg Foundation, and Polish Science and Culture Foundation in Paris.

Mr. Stankowski has attended numerous seminars and conferences. In 2004, he participated in the Young Jewish Leadership Diplomatic Seminar organized by Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2001, he lectured on the "Disappearance of Jews from the Polish Landscape, 1941-1970" at a conference for teachers organized by Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw and the London Jewish Cultural Centre. In 2000, he was member of Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and was part of Professor Wladyslaw Bartoszewski's delegation to Israel.