

Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County



Presents:

Film: Bogdan's Journey

Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2:30 PM

St. John's Catholic Church
Pulte Family Center
625 111th Ave N. Naples

A Roman Catholic man works to heal a 69-year-old rift between Poles and Jews.

In a story that begins with murder and ends with reconciliation, one man persuades the people of Kielce, Poland, to confront the truth about the darkest moment in their past: Kielce was the site of Europe's last Jewish pogrom.

In 1946 forty holocaust survivors seeking shelter in a downtown building were murdered by townspeople. Communist authorities suppressed the story, leaving the town deeply embittered.

For Bogdan Bialek, a Catholic Pole, anti-Semitism is a sin. This conviction is the animating force of his life. Conflict over the pogrom was still a festering wound when Bialek moved to Kielce in the late 70s. He was shocked by the poisoned atmosphere of his new town. Trained as a psychologist, he has made it his life's work both to persuade people to embrace their past and to reconnect the city with the international Jewish community. 90 minutes English Subtitles

Watch and discuss. Light refreshments will be served.

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