



## Regional Consultation: Restitution of Holocaust Era Assets – Ten Years After the Terezin Declaration

December 2, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lithuanian Jewish (Litvak) Community (Pylimo str. 4, Vilnius), J. Heifetz hall (3rd floor)

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- 10:00-10:30 Welcoming Remarks**  
Faina Kukliansy, Co-chair, Good Will Foundation  
Andrew Baker, Co-chair, Good Will Foundation  
Yossi Avni Levy, Israel Ambassador to Lithuania  
Dainius Junevičius, Ambassador-at-Large, Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 10:30-11:00 An Overview of Restitution Efforts**  
Andrew Baker, AJC Director of International Jewish Affairs
- 10:30-11:00 Historical View on the Process of Restitution of the Jewish property in Europe**  
(Moderator: Faina Kukliansky)
- 11:00-11:30 Compensating for National Socialist Injustice and Identifying Jewish Victims: The German Experience**  
Dirk Roland Haupt, Expert in International Law, University of Lund
- 11:30-12:30 Historical View on the Holocaust**  
Joachim Tauber, University of Hamburg  
Christoph Dieckmann, Bern University  
Members of the International Commission for the Evaluation of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania
- 12:30-13:00 Open Discussion**
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- 13:00-14:00 Lunch**
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- 14:00-15:30 Regional practice and challenges on restitution in Europe**  
(Moderator: Andrew Baker)
- Best Practice and Current Challenges of restitution: Lithuanian case.**  
Faina Kukliansy, Chairperson, LJC
- The Czech Republic**  
Tomas Kraus, Federation of Jewish Communities in the Czech Republic
- Poland**  
Piotr Puchta, Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland  
Monika Krawczyk, Union of Jewish Communities in Poland
- Latvia**  
Dmitry Krupnikov, Latvian Jewish Community Restitution Fund
- Hungary**  
Peter Feldmajer, MAZSIHISZ
- Croatia and Slovenia**  
Daniel Mariaschin, WJRO and B'nai B'rith International
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- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break**
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- 16:00-16:45 Open Discussion**
- 16:45-17:00 Summary and Closing Remarks**  
Andrew Baker and Faina Kukliansy
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**Faina Kukliansky** is a Chairperson of Lithuanian Jewish (Litvak) Community and an advocate.

After the restoration of independence of Lithuania elected as a member of the first board of the Jewish community of Lithuania. Later became active as a lawyer representing community interests.

In 2013 elected as a chair of the Jewish community of Lithuania and as a chair of Vilnius Jewish Community (lay leader position). In May, 2017 re-elected as chair of Lithuanian Jewish Community. Faina Kukliansky is also a co-chair of the Foundation for Disposal of Good Will Compensation for the Immovable Property of Jewish Religious Communities' Board.

Kukliansky has received a number of awards from the Lithuanian state, including the Order of the Knight's Cross "For Contributions to Lithuania" awarded by the President of Lithuania and Star of Lithuanian Diplomacy by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania.

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**Rabbi Andrew Baker** is AIC Director of International Jewish Affairs. In 2009, he was appointed Personal Representative on Combating Anti-Semitism of the Chairperson-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and continues to serve in this position. He is an officer of the Jewish Claims Conference and has served on restitution and historical commissions in the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Romania and Slovakia. In recognition of his work in Europe he was decorated by the Presidents of Germany, Lithuania, Latvia and Romania. He is a past President of the Interfaith Conference of Washington, a former Commissioner of the District of Columbia Human Rights Commission, a past President of the Washington Board of Rabbis and a former chaplain at San Quentin Prison.

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**Christoph Dieckmann** works presently as a postdoc researcher at the University of Bern in the project „Sounds of anti-Jewish Persecution“. He researched Yiddish Historiography on the Russian Civil War at the Fritz Bauer Institut in Frankfurt am Main and taught Modern European History at Keele University, UK.

He is a member of the Presidential International Commission for the Evaluation of Nazi and Soviet Crimes. His study „Deutsche Besatzungspolitik in Litauen 1941-1944“ [German Occupation Policy in Lithuania 1941-1944] was published in 2011 and was awarded the Yad Vashem International Book Prize for Holocaust Research in 2012. He co-edited the Deskcalendar Heinrich Himmlers 1941/42 (Hamburg 1999), published on ghettos (2009) and the role of German warfare on mass crimes (2015).

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**Dr. Péter Feldmájer** is one of the most prominent Jewish public figures in Hungary, founder president of the MAZSIHISZ - Federation of Jewish Communities in Hungary. He was the president and vice-president of this organization for more than 20 years.

He dealt with restitution issues for Holocaust survivors of high priority and with preservation of the Holocaust victims. He represented the MAZSIHISZ inside several international Jewish organizations. He currently serves as chairman of the Central-Hungary Region of the MAZSIHISZ, board member of the MAZSÖK – Jewish Heritage in Hungary Public Endowment.

He works as lawyer. He has four children and two grandchildren.

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**Dirk Roland Haupt** is the Director of the Treaty Law Division at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and a researcher in international law at the University of Lund. Before assuming the former task, he worked as legal counsel in the International Law Division and as Deputy Director of the International Cyber Policy Coordination Staff at the Federal Foreign Office. From 2005 to 2009, Mr. Haupt was posted in Vilnius as Deputy Chief of Mission at the German Embassy. With an advanced university degree in law (juris kandidat) from the University of Göteborg and a postgraduate Licentiate of Law degree (juris licentiat) from the University of Lund, he is a member of the International Law Association's Committee on Nuclear Weapons, Nonproliferation and Contemporary International Law, London, and of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, Tel Aviv.

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**Monika Krawczyk**, attorney-at-law with independent practice in Warsaw since 2003.

Between 1997-2003 she worked for CMS Cameron McKenna Law Firm in Warsaw in Property Finance Department. Since 1999 member of the Governmental Regulatory Commission on Jewish Property Restitution.

Between 2004-2019 Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland (FODZ).

Between 01-10. 2019 President of Jewish Community in Poland. Currently: Member of the Board.

Studied law in University of Warsaw (Poland), and Toledo University (Ohio, USA). Studied Jewish Studies at Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies (Jerusalem, Israel).

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**Dmitry Krupnikov** is Deputy Chairman of the Latvian Council of Jewish Communities and Chairman of the Latvian Jewish Community Restitution Fund (LEKOREF), which was set up by the Council after restitution to the Community by Latvia of five religious and communal properties in 2016. All restituted properties were transferred to LEKOREF, which is now in charge of maintaining and managing the properties.

Dmitry was the lead representative of the Community in the restitution process and was involved in all phases of negotiations with the Saeima (Parliament) of Latvia during the one year it took for the 5 laws of restitution to pass the Saeima.

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**Daniel S. Mariaschin**, B'nai B'rith International Executive Vice President and CEO.

As the organization's top executive officer, Mr. Mariaschin directs and supervises B'nai B'rith programs, activities and staff around the world. He also serves as director of B'nai B'rith's International Center for Human Rights and Public Policy. In this dual capacity, he presents B'nai B'rith's views and analysis to world leaders, international forums and conferences, the U.S. Congress and the media and coordinates B'nai B'rith's programs and policies on issues of concern to the Jewish community. He speaks and writes frequently on the demonization and delegitimization of Israel and has represented the organization on numerous influential global delegations and panels.

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**Piotr Puchta**, CEO of the Foundation for Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland - from 1985 to 2019 he was a member of the foreign service of Poland, performing among others duties of Deputy Ambassador to Israel and then Representative of Poland to the Palestinian National Authority in Ramallah. From 2009 to 2014 he served as the Polish Ambassador to Egypt, also accredited in Eritrea and the Sudan. From January 2014 to March 2016 he chaired Polish delegation participating in the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), while performing also duties of Director of the Department of Africa and the Middle East of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In March 2019 he ended his career in the Polish foreign service as Ambassador at Large. Since April 2019 he is CEO of the Foundation for Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland.

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**Joachim Tauber** obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg in 1989. He has served as the director of the Nordost-Institute (IKGN) at the University of Hamburg since 2010. He completed his postdoctoral qualification with a monograph about the Jewish working force in Lithuania 1941-1944. In May 2017 he was appointed professor of modern history at the University of Hamburg. His research interests include the history of German-Lithuanian relations, the German occupation of Eastern Europe in WWI and WWII, and the Holocaust in the Baltic States. He has published many articles, and his most recent book is: Arbeit als Hoffnung. Jüdische Ghettos in Litauen 1941-1944 [Work as hope. Jewish Ghettos in Lithuania 1941-1944] (Berlin/Boston: De Gruyter, 2015).

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