



CONFERENCE ON THE OCCASION OF THE DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF LITHUANIAN JEWISH VICTIMS OF GENOCIDE AND THE EUROPEAN DAY OF JEWISH CULTURE

DIASPORA AND HERITAGE: THE SHTETL

Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania, 3rd building, Conference Room

September 25, 2017

PROGRAM

- 8.30-9.00 Registration
- 9.00-9.30 WELCOME SPEECHES
Viktoras Pranckietis, Speaker of the Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania
Amir Maimon, Ambassador of Israel to Lithuania
Faina Kukliansky, Chair of the Jewish Community of Lithuania
- 9.30-11.00 FIRST SESSION: THE SHTETLAKH: HISTORY AND MEMORY
Moderator: Professor Šarūnas Liekis, dean, Political Science and Diplomacy Faculty, Vytautas Magnus University
- Representation of the Lithuanian Jewish Shtetl in the Edward Blank YIVO Vilna Collections Project**
Lyudmila Sholokhova, PhD, director, YIVO archives and Library
- Shtetl, or Capital of the Intellect? The Scholarship of the Jews of Telšiai in the Collections of the Lithuanian National Library**
Lara Lempertienė, director, Judaica Department, Martynas Mazvydas National Library of Lithuania
- Memory of the Šėduva Shtetl in Lithuania and the Diaspora**
Milda Jakulytė-Vasil, museum curator, Šėduva Jewish Memorial Foundation
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00 SECOND SESSION: JEWISH HERITAGE RESEARCH
Moderator: Professor Šarūnas Liekis, dean, Political Science and Diplomacy Faculty, Vytautas Magnus University
- Evidence of Mass Murder at Ponar: Non-Invasive Archaeology (2016-2017)**
Saulius Sarcevičius, director, Urban Research Department, Lithuanian History Institute
Dr. Oksana Valionienė, junior research correspondent, Lithuanian History Institute
Dainius Michelevičius, general director, Geobaltic
- The Excavation of the Great Synagogue of Vilna and the Presentation of its Archaeology**
Jon Seligman, PhD, director, Excavations, Surveys and Research Department, Israel Antiquities Authority
- Wooden Synagogues of Lithuania: From Magnificent to Modest**
Dr. Sergey Kravtsov, research fellow, Center for Jewish Art, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- 13.00-14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00-14.30 **The German Occupation of 1915-18 and the Shaping of Jewish Memory in Vilne**
Professor Mikhail Krutikov, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan
- 14.30-15.40 **THIRD SESSION - PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF JEWISH HERITAGE**
Moderator: Alfredas Jomantas, director of registry, public relations and education, Cultural Heritage Department under the Lithuanian Ministry of Culture
- State Policies and Practices for the Conservation of Lithuanian Jewish Immovable Cultural Heritage**
Diana Varnaitė, director, Cultural Heritage Department under the Ministry of Culture
- Inter-Institutional Cooperation in the Conservation of Litvak Heritage**
Faina Kukliansky, chairwomen, of Lithuanian Jewish (Litvak) Community
- Presentation of the Lithuanian Jewish Community's Jewish calendar for the year 5778**
- Presentation of the Exhibition “Lietuva, Lite, Lita. One Century out of Seven”**
- 15.40-16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00-17.30 **Towards new models of Jewish heritage project. Heritage, community and socio-cultural sustainability**
Victor Sorensen, director, European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage (AEPJ)
- Presentations of initiatives by Lithuanian municipal governments:**
Remigijus Šimašius, mayor, Vilnius City Municipality
Vytenis Tomkus, mayor, Kaišiadorys City Municipality
Skirmantas Mockevičius, mayor, Jurbarkas District Municipality
Prof. Jonas Audėjaitis, city council member, Kaunas City Municipality
Ovidijus Kačiulis, director, Kėdainiai District Municipality Administration
Mindaugas Veliulis, senior specialist for cultural heritage, Pakruojis District Municipality Administration
- Discussion and closing statements**

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