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The feast ended with a lo- vest cake inscribed with the words “Rosh ha-Shanah 5771,” which was large enough to feed all the participants, and heart- ly. At the end of the day, the mem- ber of this wonderful health and recreation complex, Michail Ro- shia, thanked the Sayan Ana Bas- tiukienė, and naturally to JODA, for this extraordinary and tastic gift to the members of the Lithuania Jewish Community welfare centre.

And now comes the mo- ment to bid farewell. To the admiration of all the partici- pants, a helicopter lands on the green lawn in front of the main complex building, and the door opens and everyone is photog- raphed with the metal bird that has landed on the earth. We will long recall this hap- piness, and the photos in the pho- tograph will remind us of the wonderful day.

Shimen GOLDENZWEIG

Your Excellency,

The Jewish community of Lith- uania is greatly concerned about the ideas expressed by Lithuanian Minister of Interior Affairs A. Abu- lazis, that incite discord between Lit- uania and Jews. Your Excellency, we want to inform you that: Items appearing in the mass media have a strong element that minster A. Abulazis stated that, “already ready knows who needs this law and who needs that, and that he explained that it was the purpose of the law is to push forward the politician. The al- liec, that we can understand how they hope to more easily re- tain their former property. The law on deportations in the Re- public of Lithuania, and the propo- sal for a new law, are a threat to the special rights for ethnic Lithuanians. Apparently the words of “Lithuanian descent” for Jews with Lithuanian citizenship.” An individual discrimination is that the Lithuanian descent is one with pa- rents or grandparents, who are or were Lithuanian, and who called him “Lithuanian”. We believe that in the case of other European Union citizens, the same principle of a statement like “a citizen of German descent is a German” would wreak havoc in the Lithuanian spirit-making, but in the life of the society itself, and that the generator of such an idea would be punishable by law.

Meanwhile, in our state, the Mi- nister of Foreign Affairs gives him- self as a kind of ‘garbage collector’ what the Jews, “who took advantag- e of the situation”. The Jewish community, as always, looks for a solution for themselves. At the same time, there are strong arguments to suggest that they and the Jewish Com- munity of Lithuania create a Lithvian version of the ‘ optimized museum, and invite all world Jews, not only to Lithuania, to visit us. Given such a political situation, the Lithvian government in the future will be forced to forego acceptance of such proposals. In our opinion, the Lithuanian government on this is inadmissible, and this is why they should issue a statement regarding these statements that incite discord and discrimination among Lithuanians.

This letter has the unanimous approval of twenty-one board mem- bers of the Jewish Community of Lithuania on October 31, 2016.

Respectfully,

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