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Dear Mr. Brent,

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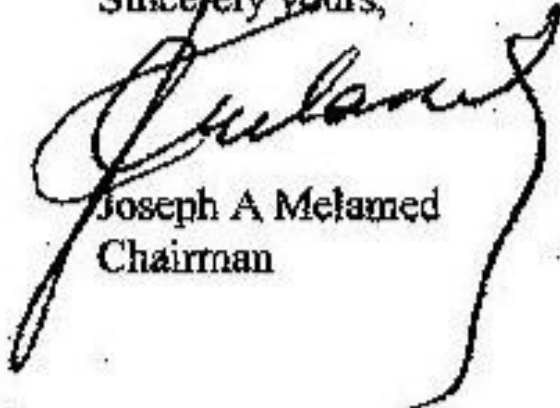
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We, the Association of Lithuanian Jews in Israel, nearly all Holocaust survivors ourselves, wish to express our dismay and disappointment at the decision of YIVO in New York to invite the Lithuanian Foreign Minister as guest of Honor.

Not only did he never apologise for his antisemitic outbursts of 2010, he had failed to do anything concerning the growth of official state-supported antisemitism in Lithuania, from Nazi marches to the legalization of swastikas. The ongoing distortion and trivialization of the Holocaust, and attempts to cover for this issues with prestigious Jewish partnerships abroad are an unacceptable game.

We call on YIVO to abandon these moral capitulations, and to be true to the founders and its soul, and cancel the invitation of the Lithuanian foreign minister.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph A Melamed
Chairman