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The enclosed is what I asked them to inscribe  
on the Holocaust Monument

FLAME OF HOPE

by

Leonardo Nierman

This memorial has been erected on the site of the former Judenrat ( Vilnius Ghetto Council ) in remembrance of 250,000 of Lithuanian Jewry who perished in an orgy of savagery during the Holocaust in Lithuania in 1941-1945 and in the hope that never again shall heinous acts like those committed during that period be repeated on earth.

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Michael Lewan  
Chairman

I extol You, O Lord; You raised me up.

You did not permit foes to rejoice over me.

אֲשֶׁר הִצִּילָנִי מִכָּל יָדַי  
וְלֹא הָיוּ לִי מִשְׂתַּחֲוִים

Psalm XXX : 2

*II*  
*This is what they said would be*



*inscribed on The Holocaust Memorial*

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Dear Shelly,

Finally I receive a confirmation from Ambassador Eidintas – opening ceremony will take place during Vilnius Forum – October 3-5, 2000. Exact date and time was not specified, so it will be great if you are in Vilnius on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in the morning.

With regards to the inscription the text will be as follows:

**FLAME OF HOPE**

**By Leonardo Nierman**

**This memorial has been erected in the yard of the former Judenrat (Vilnius Ghetto Council)**

**to remember more that 90% of Lithuanian Jews murdered in 1941-1944  
and in the hope that never again such horrible crimes shall be repeated on earth.**

This is literary translation from Lithuanian, English text might be slightly changed.

The rest information about all benefactors will be engraved on metal plate that will be attached to the base.

Kind regards,

*Dina Kopilevic*  
Dina Kopilevic  
3rd Secretary

Cc.: Leonardo Nierman

This is what is actually inscribed on the Holocaust Monument

**ČIA, BUVUSIAME JUDENRATO (GETO TARYBOS)  
KIEME, PRISIMINDAMI TUKSTANČIUS NUŽUDYTŲ  
LIETUVOS ŽYDŲ, TARIAME: TAI NETURI PASI-  
KARTOTI!**

**PAMINKLĄ PASTATYTI PADĖJO:  
TARPTAUTINIS MENŲ FONDAS, JAV; SULAMITA  
SHELLY RYBAK PEARSON, JAV; SKULPTORIUS  
LEONARDAS NIERMANAS, MEKSIKA;  
JAV PAVELDO UŽSIENYJE APSAUGOS KOMISIJA;  
HYMAN IR IDA KIRSNER, JAV**

**HERE, ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER JUDENRAT  
(VILNIUS GHETTO COUNCIL), WE REMEMBER  
THOUSANDS OF MURDERED LITHUANIAN JEWS  
AND SAY: THIS SHOULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN!**

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