

## Distinguished Lecture Series Kicks Off - November 14, 2013

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- > Hillel at UCLA presents Professor Sarunas Liekis from the Vilnius
- > Yiddish Institute at Vilnius University in Vilnius, Lithuania. He
- > will be lecturing on Lithuanian Jewry 1918-1940, From National
- > Autonomy to Near-Destruction.
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- > Professor Liekis is the Executive Director of the Vilnius Yiddish
- > Institute (VYI) and Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Political
- > Science and Diplomacy at Vytautas Magnus University in Vilnius,
- > Lithuania. Liekis has his PH.D from Brandeis University where his
- > thesis focused on the creation and ultimate failure of the autonomous
- > Lithuanian Ministry of Jewish Affairs. His thesis was later published
- > as A State within a State? Jewish Autonomy in Lithuania, 1918-1925.
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- > Professor Liekis has also authored 1939, a study of that momentous
- > year for Lithuania and its Jewish citizens. Among its contributions,
- > 1939 captures the distinctly different narratives of that year's
- > events by Lithuanians, Poles, Jews, Russians, and Belarusians. Most
- > recently Professor Liekis co-edited with Antony Polonsky and Chaeran
- > Freeze of Brandeis University Volume 25 of Polin, Jews in the Former
- > Grand Duchy of Lithuania since 1772. This 509-page volume is an
- > invaluable source for Lithuanian Jewish history and culture.
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- > November 14, 2013 - 7:00-9:00pm
- > Hillel at UCLA
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