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International conference on the topic of Holocaust education

(Final event of the project “Being a Jew” organized in Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia)

Vilnius Municipality Council hall, April 17th

Conference agenda:

9.30-10.00 a.m .– Registration of Participants

Part I.

- **10.00. Opening of the Conference. “Being a Jew”**
- **10.05 “SHALOM!”. Sauletekis secondary school childrens’ choir**
- **10.15 Welcome speeches of 6 Holocaust survivors honoring the 6 million victims**
- **10.20. Welcome address of the Mayor of Vilnius Arturas Zuokas**
- **10.25. Welcome address of the Ambassador of Israel to Lithuania Amir Maimon**
- **10.30. Welcome address of the Jewish Community Chairwoman Faina Kukliansky**
- **10.35. Coming to terms with past – Holocaust in Europe. *Pavel Tychtl, European Commission***
- **10.55. Jewish culture and history in Lithuania – 700 years. *Šarūnas Liekis, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania***
- **11.15. Lithuanians and the Jews. What has changed and what has not during the last 40 years. *Tomas Venclova , writer, USA-Lithuania***
- **11.35. Myths, stereotypes and quests for truth: Holocaust narratives in Eastern and Western Europe. *Saulius Sužiedėlis , Millersville University of Pennsylvania, USA***
- **12.00. Question to the speakers, participant’s discussion**

12. 15. Jewish lunch in the Idea Room of the Vilnius Municipality

Part II:

- 13.00. The key challenge facing Holocaust education. *Video address by Dr. Efraim Zuroff, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Israel*
- 13.15. Politics and Policies of the Holocaust in the Baltics and Beyond. *David Katz, Defending History, Lithuania & United Kingdom*
- 13.35. It has happened here - Museum of the History of the Polish Jews on Holocaust. *Piotr Kowalik, Warsaw Museum of the History of the Polish Jews, Poland*
- 14.00. Holocaust education in Lithuania - experience, gaps and problems. *Ingrida Vilkienė, The International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania*
- 14.20. Questions to the speakers, participants' discussion
- 14.30. Closing remarks. An address to European Union Ministers of Education
- 14.45. "VILNIUS – THE NORTH JERUSALEM". *Vilnius Sauletekis secondary school childrens' choir*

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