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**Jewish community of Vilnius**

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**Dear Board Members of the Good Will Foundation and The Lithuanian Jewish Heritage Foundation,**

It came to our attention that Mrs. Faina Kukliansky, while trying to assure Your support and loyalty, again chooses her favourite tactics - blaming us, her opponents, to all "deadly sins", as she presents them: Russian speaking, family relationship, involvement in real estate business etc. We are not surprised, just this time we are lucky not to be accused by her for the lack of Litvak's blood, as she had desperately claimed on the official website of the LJC in May, after the results of the elections of VJC, that disappointed her.

We are not going to take Your valuable time to denounce each Mrs. Kukliansky's false statement because she lies in every line (if any of You is interested, we can discuss it in details separately). As you would say it in Yiddish, "di pare fun moil iz eih align". We will not follow her method of personal blaming or exculpations.

However, we would like to pay Your attention to the main, key points, which are crucial for further existence of the Community at a whole and not for individual relationships between different members and officers. The main issue that has to be discussed now is that Mrs. Kukliansky constantly violates basic principles of the Community existence - openness, transparency, democracy, good will. Instead of these we see stealthiness, aggression, absolute autocracy, manipulating procedures, laws and funds pursuing the only one aim - to save the power in her hands. This is by no means acceptable for our Community and in one way or another - social or legal, sooner or later, we will put an end to this outrage.

As a very clear example and illustration of what we are talking about, we can compare elections of VJC and LJC, that took place in May earlier this year, with an interval of 4 days:

1. VJC elections took place on the 24th of May 2017. We know, that Mrs. Kukliansky argues the legitimacy of these elections. Let's live to the Court to decide upon legal matters, but it's very important to mention here, that her arguments against the elections are pure technical: a delay to present the protocol, etc. Nobody, incl. Mrs. Kukliansky, has doubts about the essence of this elections. Also, her arguments against the results of the elections have been discarded by the State Registry, despite numerous efforts that she had put to prevent the registration. The elections were publicly announced 1 month ahead, in c conformity with the law, and during this month Mrs. Kukliansky constantly published statements that the upcoming elections are illegal, calling, even by phone, our Community members to ignore it. Despite this, about 300 Community members came to the elections - much more, than ever before! All people have been welcomed there, regardless their preferences, all of them could enter the elections hall freely, including Mrs. Kukliansky together with her supporters, representatives and bailiff she brought with her. The stage was provided to her first and she had a speech as long as she wanted. After calling the meeting as an illegal one, she left, yet all her representatives (LJC employees, but not



Community members) and bailiff remained in the hall until the very end of the elections, observing and making video records, without any interferences neither from the organizers' side, nor by the participants.

Simon Gurevicius was elected the VJC chairman by the absolute majority of votes. Then, all members of the Community were offered to propose candidates to the Board - individually, without any prepared lists (as it traditionally happens in the LJC - voting for the lists). Totally 30 candidates were named and the Community members voted for each of them personally.

20 first candidates, who had the majority of all votes, became the Board members. Neither family relations, nor age, sex or political preferences, nothing else counted, only the number of votes received. And, of course, all newly elected Board members accepted positions absolutely voluntarily, without any remuneration.

Until now, more than a month after elections, despite the fact of the official registration of the new Board in the State Registry, we can not receive from Mrs. Kukliansky any document of VJC. She is ignoring all our requests, using her sickness, which in reality doesn't interfere with her other activities, except the transfer of VJC files to the newly elected Board. It seems, that even such a simple matter we will be enforced to be solved by the Court.

2. LJC elections took place on the 28th of May, 2017. Most probably, the majority of You are already aware of what happened there from our previous letter. Here we would like to add some important points:

- Legitimacy of the LJC elections is being argued by us not by technical, but by essential reason - number of representatives. VJC and other regional communities should not be equal by the number of representatives to private companies, foundations (some of them - not functioning), clubs, etc. It is against Community's by-laws and common sense. And, in any way, rules of voting could not be changed one month before the elections. The Court accepted our plaint because found it well grounded, with obvious signs of violating the Communities by-laws.
- 2 days before the elections in the LJC, the GoodWill Foundation website announced the decision to pay significant amounts of money to 10 organizations, which are members of LJC and would vote during the upcoming elections. From our point of view, this is (at least) manipulation by the GWF funds.
- one member of the LJC, which was in opposition to Mrs. Kukliansky and recently became a member of the Board of VJC, was not admitted to the elections room by the guards for formal reason.
- next day after Mrs. Kukliansky was "succesefully" "elected" as the LJC chairperson, Lithuanian Court stopped that shameful LJC Board decision to equalize numbers of representatives. The Court was 1 day late... But does it mean that the elections were legitimate and the new (old) chairperson should be congratulated to be elected?

Of course, we will challenge these elections in the Court. But even before the decision of the Court each of us can have his own evaluation of that.

We believe, that the victory reached by selecting the voters, putting private guards to prevent the members of the community from entering the building of the community centre, locking the doors from community members, paying donations to the supporters, is a "Pyrrhic" victory". What do you think?



With regard to Good Will Foundation, it is obvious that funds have been spent for the "war" against those, who are fed up with Mrs. Kukliansky leadership methods and don't want to see her as a chairperson of any Jewish organization anymore. She uses the funds for paying the direct juridical expenses and "motivating" those, who are loyal. But you can't buy loyalty - you never know how much money will work and for how long. This is why in our opinion Mrs. Kukliansky just can't take the risk of organising democratic elections.

It's totally unacceptable, that resources, which should be used for preservation and development of Jewish community, history and culture, are being spent for the guards, lawyers, bailiffs, etc. acting against us, Lithuanian Jews. Allocating funds to the organisations before the elections is a very bad practice also because it causes hostile attitudes towards those who have rights to vote and is destructive for the community. We kindly ask you, Good Will Foundation Board members, to pay your attention at how the funds are being spent and take responsible decisions, taking into account the possible consequences of your decisions.

Meanwhile, very important issues regarding the community's property, Jewish kindergarten, the site of Great Vilna Synagogue and many others, directly related to the Vilnius Jewish community, are being discussed confidentially, without any involvement of the Vilnius Jewish community. This is obviously an absolutely unacceptable way of managing processes related to the Jewish Community's life. Vilnius Jewish community has to be included immediately and be a part of all these processes. The documents, lists of members and property of Vilnius Jewish Community is till today not being transferred to the elected chairman, even though it was to do so several times. The chairman of Vilnius Jewish community was not let in by guards into the meeting of the newly elected Board of the Lithuanian Jewish community with an excuse that he is „simply not on the list of invited people“. Things like that have to stop.

Moreover, the real Jewish life here, for example, the recent camp for young families with more than 100 Jewish kids attending it with their parents and the Baltic Jewish kids summer camp, uniting the majority of the Lithuanian Jews and proving for them the sense of belonging to the Jewish world - these major events take place without any support and participation of the Lithuanian Jewish community, led by Mrs. Faina Kukliansky. And which is even worse - the famous traditional Jewish summer camp has been relocated away from Lithuania. Not to mention, that many volunteers left the Lithuanian Jewish community.

It is our strong appeal to all of you to put all possible efforts to stop the ongoing ugliness here, in Jerushalaim de Lita. We are not going to give up, our numbers are growing every day, and we shall definitely bring Mrs. Faina Kukliansky to the Court, if there is no other way to stop her acting on behalf of the entire Lithuanian Jewish community.

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