

VILNIUS
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Dear Dr Margolis,

We the undersigned, Ambassadors and representatives of Embassies accredited to the Republic of Lithuania, are aware that you have in the past been accustomed to offer tours of historical Jewish areas and sites in Vilnius.

We wish to express our appreciation of the contribution you have in this way made to perpetuating the memory of a vibrant community and cultural tradition, tragically all but extinguished during the Holocaust. The few survivors have earned the right to be treated with respect, consideration and understanding.

We understand that recently you have hesitated to return to Vilnius to resume your tours. We regret the circumstances which kept you away, and deprived others of the benefit of your memory and experience.

We would like you to know that, should you decide to visit Vilnius again, we would be interested in participating in one of your tours as an expression of our collective esteem for your role in keeping alive the appreciation of that which must not be forgotten.

With our respects and regards,

HR Mr Alois Buchta, Ambassador of the Czech Republic
HE Mr Timo Lahelma, Ambassador of Finland
HE Mr Dónal Denham, Ambassador of Ireland
HE Mrs Malin Kärre, Ambassador of Sweden
HE Mr Simon Butt, Ambassador of the United Kingdom
HE Mr John A. Cloud, Ambassador of the United States of America
Mr Habib Massoud, Head of Office of the Embassy of Canada
Mr Alexander Zenz, Chargé d'Affaires of Austria
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