



# PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

## ORDINANCE ON ESTABLISHING A WORKING GROUP

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1. I hereby establish the following working group to develop proposals and a concept for the commemoration of the old Jewish cemetery of Šnipiškės and the memorial site in the current Vilnius Palace of Concerts and Sports (hereinafter referred to as the "Working Group"):

Arūnas Gelūnas	– Director General of The Lithuanian National Museum of Art (Head of the Working Group);
Rasa Antanavičiūtė	– Director of Public Institution Vilnius Museum;
Andrew Baker	– Director of International Jewish Affairs at the American Jewish Committee;
Vytautas Biekša	– Architect at UAB Processoffice;
Jonathan Brent	– Director of the YIVO Institute;
Eliezer Brodt	– Judaic Studies Faculty Chair at Woodmont College;
Abba Cohen	– Member of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad;
Marija Drėmaitė	– Professor at the Vilnius University, Faculty of History, Department of Theory of History and History of Culture;
Esther Farbstein	– Holocaust Historian, Researcher;
David E. Fishman	– Professor at The Jewish Theological Seminary;
Gerald Herschel Gluck	– Representative of the Committee for the Preservation of Jewish Cemeteries in Europe
Marius Ivaškevičius	– Playwright;
Faina Kukliansky	– Chairwoman of the Lithuanian Jewish (Litvak) Community;
Sid Leiman	– Professor Emeritus of Jewish History and Literature in the Department of Judaic Studies at Brooklyn College of the City University of New York;
Vladimir Levin	– Director of the Centre for Jewish Art at Hebrew University of Jerusalem;

Leonidas Melnikas	– Head of the Department of Interdisciplinary Piano of the Lithuanian Academy of Music and Theatre;
Mindaugas Pakalnis	– Chief Architect at the Vilnius City Municipality Administration;
Jurgita Verbickienė	– Professor at the Vilnius University, Faculty of History, Department of Theory of History and History of Culture;
Lesley Weiss	– Member of the U.S. Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad;
Rytis Zemkauskas	– Journalist;

2. I task the Working Group with preparing and submitting proposals and a concept to the Government for the commemoration of the old Jewish cemetery and memorial site in the current Vilnius Palace of Concerts and Sports, including the functional use of the building of the Vilnius Palace of Concerts and Sports, commemoration of the territory of the old Jewish cemetery of Šnipiškės, appropriate protection, as well as synergy of the exterior and interior.

3. I authorise the Working Group to call upon experts, representatives of state institutions, bodies, and organisations should the need arise.

4. I hereby establish that the Working Group shall receive technical support from the Office of the Government.

Prime Minister

Ingrida Šimonytė