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Regarding the matter of the Old Jewish Cemetery in Šnipiškės, Vilnius, which the wicked regime desecrated by uprooting all the gravestones and erecting buildings over part of it, and now, through effort and intervention with the government, they have recognized this site as a holy place upon which building is prohibited.

The question was raised whether gravestones should be returned to this site—so that all may see that it is a cemetery—or whether this should be avoided.

In my opinion, it is certainly permissible and appropriate to return to the site gravestones that were uprooted, and all the more so if it is possible to approximate placing a gravestone in the location where it originally stood. This measure will further serve to preserve the sanctity of the site.

And on this I sign,

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