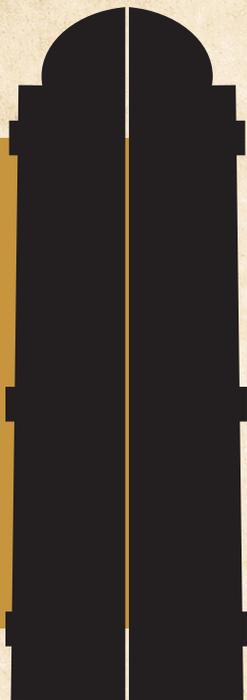


CONFERENCE
**The Intellectual Heritage
of the Jews of Vilnius**
10–11 October 2023, Vilnius

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10 October



THE INTELLECTUAL HERITAGE OF THE JEWS OF VILNIUS IN THE EIGHTEENTH-NINETEENTH CENTURY

GRAND HALL,
LITHUANIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES,
Gedimino Ave. 3, Vilnius

8.30–9.00 *Participant registration, welcome coffee*

Plenary meeting

Chair Prof. Jūras Banys

9.00–9.30 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE.
WELCOME ADDRESSES.**

Prof. Jūras Banys, President
of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences

Prof. David Harel, President
of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities

Hadas Wittenberg Silverstein, HE Ambassador
Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the State of Israel
to the Republic of Lithuania

9.30–10.10 **OPENING LECTURE. Prof. Benjamin Brown,**
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
The Vilna Gaon's Theopolitical Legacy

10.10–10.25 **Discussion**

10.25–10.40 *Coffee break*

**10.40–14.50 The Intellectual Heritage of the Jews
of Vilnius in the Eighteenth-Nineteenth
Century**

Chair Prof. Yadin Dudai

10.40–10.50 INTRODUCTION. Prof. Yadin Dudai, The Israel
Academy of Sciences and Humanities

10.50–11.30 KEYNOTE LECTURE. Prof. Israel Bartal,
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
**Each Generation and its Scholars:
The Changing Faces of the ‘Historian’s Gaon’**

**11.30–12.10 Prof. Alex Lubotzky, Weizmann Institute,
Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
The Mathematics of the Vilna Gaon**

12.10–12.30 Discussion

12.30–13.30 *Lunch break*

Chair Prof. Vladas Algirdas Bumelis

**13.30–13.50 Prof. Jurgita Verbickienė, Vilnius University.
The Space of Intellectual Life:
Jewish Socio-Topography of Vilnius
in the Second Half of the Eighteenth Century**

**13.50–14.30 Prof. Marcin Wodziński, University of
Wrocław. Two Enlightenments: The
Case of Josef Rosensohn of Vilna**

14.30–14.50 Discussion

AFTERNOON PROGRAMME 



THE VILNA GAON MUSEUM OF JEWISH HISTORY
Naugarduko St. 10, Vilnius

**15.30–16.00 Dr Jon Seligman, Israel Antiquities Authority.
Excavating the Other Cathedral of Vilnius:
The Great Synagogue of Vilna**

16.00–16.15 Discussion

16.15–16.45 EXHIBITION TOUR

16.45–18.00 Screening of the film *Daughter of Vilna: The Life in Song of Masha Roskies*

11 October



THE INTELLECTUAL MODERNISATION OF THE JEWS OF VILNIUS

GRAND HALL,
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Gedimino Ave. 3, Vilnius

Chair Faina Kukliansky

9.00–9.40 KEYNOTE LECTURE. Prof. David E. Fishman,
Jewish Theological Seminary. **Nationalism, Socialism
and the Modernisation of the Jews of Vilna**

9.40–9.55 Discussion

9.55–11.30 **Jewish Culture and Modernity
in Interwar Vilnius**

Chair Prof. David G. Roskies

9.55–10.15 Prof. Mindaugas Kvietkauskas, Vilnius University.
**The Yiddish Avant-garde Group *Yung Vilne* and
Vilnius University: Separate or Interconnected
Worlds?**

10.15–10.35 Saulė Valiūnaitė, Vilnius University.
**Unknown Soldiers? Women in the Politics
of Doikayt in Interwar Vilnius**

- 10.35–10.55** Dr Lara Lempertienė, Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania. **On Vilna with Love. Zalman Shneur and Hermann Struk**
- 10.55–11.15** Prof. Giedrė Jankevičiūtė, Vilnius Academy of Arts, Lithuanian Culture Research Institute. **Art of Jewish Women Artists in Interwar Vilnius**
- 11.15–11.30** Discussion
- 11.30–12.15** *Lunch break*
- 12.15–15.15** **The Spread of Jewish Ideas from Vilnius to the World**
Chair Prof. Mindaugas Kvietkauskas
- 12.15–12.55** KEYNOTE LECTURE. Prof. David G. Roskies, Jewish Theological Seminary. **A Tale of Two Cities: Growing Up in *Vilne de-Kánade***
- 12.55–13.35** Prof. Avner Holtzman, Tel Aviv University. **Vilnius, a Centre of Hebrew Enlightenment**
- 13.35–14.15** Prof. Tsvia Walden, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. **From Kalman Schulman in Vilnius to Hebrew Speaking Children in Israel: Laying the Foundations of Modern Hebrew Culture**
- 14.15–14.55** CLOSING LECTURE. Prof. Mordechai (Motti) Zalkin, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. **The Intellectual Heritage of Lithuanian Jewry: Reflections and Thoughts**
- 14.55–15.15** Discussion
- 15.15–18.20** A Tour of the Jewish Vilnius.
Tour guide Julijus Gurvičius