

International Online Conference, “In the Radiance of the Vilna Gaon: History of Lithuanian Jewry”, Wednesday 18 November 2020

10:00–10:30 **Welcome speeches**

Chair: **Artur Markowski**

Mindaugas Kvietkauskas, Minister of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania

Faina Kukliansky, Przewodnicząca Lithuanian Jewish Community

Michał Trębacz, Head of the Research Department of the POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews

Eduardas Borisovas, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of Poland

10:30 – 11:00 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

Chair: **Jurgita Verbickienė**

Lara Lempertienė, Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania “The Year(s) of Elijah. Vilnius with and without the Vilna Gaon”

11.30–11.45 – **discussion**

11.45–12.00 – **break**

12:00–13:30

Session 1. Lithuanian Jews in the days of the Vilna Gaon

Chair: **Vladimir Levin**

Anna Michałowska-Mycielska, University of Warsaw, Poland “Lithuania as a Jewish Province”

Jurgita Verbickienė, Vilnius University, Lithuania “Vilnius Jewish community in the times of the Vilna Gaon: people, families, and the patterns of everyday life”

Shaul Stampfer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel “Why were there so many Jews in Vilna and in Lithuania?”

13:30–14:00 **break**

14:00–15:30 **Session 2. Social and religious life of Lithuanian Jews**

Chair: **Anna Michałowska-Mycielska**

Aivaras Poška, The Lithuanian Institute of History, Lithuania “Jewish communities in the towns of different branches of the Radziwiłł family in the 16th–18th centuries: comparison of the formation of local statuses”

Vladimir Levin, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel “The synagogues of Lithuania; how they differ from those in other areas of Eastern Europe”

Saulius Kaubrys, Vilnius University, Lithuania “Portrait of a Jewish gymnasium student in Lithuania in 1918–40”

15:30–16:00 **closing remarks**

Jurgita Verbickienė

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