

# Bridging Divides: *Jews in Historical Lithuania*



Vilnius University, Faculty of History  
Universiteto st. 7, room 211

## Monday, July 15

18:30-19:30 Welcome from Conference Organizers

Keynote Lecture 1: Justin Cammy (Smith College),  
"When Yiddish Was Young"

19:30 Dinner

## Tuesday, July 16

9:00-10:30 Presentation by the Chief Archivist of Lithuania Inga  
Zakšauskienė

10:30 – 12:00 Panel 1: Late-Imperial Russia and World War 1  
Chair: Dovilė Troskovaitė (Vilnius University)

*Tomasz Jankowski (Vilnius University), "Litvaks, Galizianers, and Others. Mapping Jewish Families in Ashkenazi Space"*

*Netta Ehrlich (New York University), "Jewish Self-Defense in Lithuania in 1905"*

*Iryna Irchak (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv), "The Situation of Lithuanian Jews during World War I" (based on the materials from the Naftali Fridman personal fond)*

*Glenn Dynner (Fairfield University), "I Burn but Cannot Be Consumed: Destruction and Reconstruction in Vilnius"*

12:00-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 Panel 2: The Interwar Years  
Chair: Shay Pilnik (Yeshiva University)

*Saulius Kaubrys, Inga Zakšauskienė (Vilnius University), "Interinstitutional Correspondence on Jews Working in Local Self-Government Structures as a Source of Loyalty Study (The Case of Interwar Lithuania)"*

*Julijana Andriejauskienė (Lithuanian Institute of History), "Debates on Jewish Linguistic Preferences in Interwar Kaunas: Hebraists vs. Yiddishists"*

*Jurgita Verbickienė (Vilnius University), "Jewish" Press in the Lithuanian Language: What, How and To Whom Did Jews Want to Say? Challenges of Interpreting Source Content"*

*Tzipora Weinberg (New York University), "A Culture of Orthodox Womanhood in Formation: Gleanings from Beys Yakov Literature, 1933-1939"*

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 Walk to Museum of Culture and Identity of Lithuanian  
Jews (Pylimo st. 4a)

16:00-17:30 Museum tour and discussion with Aivaras Poška,  
Dovilė Čypaitė - Gilė

17:30-19:30 Free time

19:30 Dinner

## Wednesday, July 17

8:30-10:00 Panel 3: Holocaust/Khurbn  
Chair: Glenn Dynner (Fairfield University)

*Sergii Gurbych (Vilnius University), "Digital Humanities Approaches in Archival Research: Study of Mixed Cultural Identity of Lithuanian Jews in early Twentieth Century"*

*Vesta Svensen (Yeshiva University), "'Our History': Memorials and Jewish Markers in Post-Soviet National Consciousness Formation, a Comparison of Brest, Belarus and Vilnius, Lithuania."*

*Niamh Hanrahan (University of Manchester), "He Found Out in the Forest: Vilna's Forests and Global Holocaust Journeys"*

*Shay Pilnik (Yeshiva University), "Art as Witness: The Work & Remarkable Survival Story of Esther Lurie"*

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:00 Panel 4: Post-War and Independent Lithuania  
Chair: Justin Cammy (Smith College)

*Dovilė Troskovaitė (Vilnius University), "Karaites during the Holocaust: Personal Experiences and Relations to the Jews and Jewishness"*

*Saulė Valiūnaitė (Vilnius University), "Where Did All Yiddishistkes Go? In Search of Female Voices in the Jewish History of Vilna"*

*Akvilė Naudžiūnienė (Lithuanian Institute of History), "Reclaiming the Shtetl as a Lieux de Memoire in Lithuanian Historiography and Literature since 1990"*

*Christa Whitney (Yiddish Book Center/University of Massachusetts), "The Role of Yiddish in Individual and Communal Identity Formation in Historical, Mythical, and Contemporary Lithuania"*

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00 Walk to the Judaica Research Centre at Martynas  
Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania (Gedimino av.  
51, 5th floor, Room 506)

13:30-15:00 Presentation of collection and activities of Judaica  
Research Centre by Larisa Lempertienė

15:00-15:15 Short break

15:15-16:00 Keynote Lecture 2: Cecile Kuznitz (Bard College),  
"Mapping Jewish Vilna from the Shulhoyf to the  
Cheap Houses" (at the National Library)