

איגוד יוצאי ליטא בישראל
Association of Lithuanian Jews in Israel

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Honorable Lithuanian Ambassador to Israel
Mrs. Lina Antanavičienė
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יו"ר ההנהלה:
בן ארי (גרודזנסקי)
אריה
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Dear Ambassador Antanavičienė,

חברי ההנהלה:
סגן יו"ר:
דייש גרישה

Re: Resurgence of anti-Semitism in Lithuania

Lithuanian press releases over the past two weeks have seen anti-Semitic outbreaks that we are seeing in recent times, and this alarms Lithuanian Jewry living in Israel.

Sadly there are many examples of this:

בלוח רוזה
ויסטנצקי יעקב
חייט אלה
טוקר פליקס
נחמד אוויק
פונט ליאון
פישר אנה
ציון בלה
קריצר חנן
קרצ'מר יוחנן
שכנוביץ הלל

-Pouring paint on statues in Vilnius of the Gaon of Vilna and also on that of Dr. Zemach Shabad – the doctor who was the source of the book *Doctor Ayboylit*, the legendary physician of animals.

-Neo Nazi demonstration in Kaunas where they threatened the life of Jacob Frankel, the publisher of [Musu Zydai](#), shouting, "You are a Jew, flee Lithuania, you are a communist, Lithuania for Lithuanians."

-The Seimas has decided to name the year 2021 honoring Lithuanian hero's who fought for Lithuania's independence, and amongst them a declaring the Lithuanian partisan Juozas Luksa Daumantas who is known to have participated in the destruction of Lithuanian Jewry during World War II.

ועדת ביקורת:
דרוקר גליה יו"ר
יזרסקי גיטה
לנגביץ משה

-Another example is philosopher Gintautas Mazeikis's article in LRT mention of corona's epidemic victims with Holocaust victims.

גזבר:
ויסטנצקי יעקב

Without the government's immediate action in taking the steps necessary to stop this new wave of anti-Semitism may quickly deteriorate to physical harm of Jews living in Lithuania and also Jewish tourism to Lithuania.

יועץ משפטי:
גליקמן אלי, עו"ד

We do recognize that many Lithuanians do not support Neo Nazism and are helping to fight anti-Semitism.

נשיאת כבוד:
רחל לויך

Please convey our concerns on the above issue to appropriate bodies in the Lithuanian government.

Thank you and Stay healthy,

Respectfully,

Arie Ben-Ari, Chair
Association of Lithuanian Jews in Israel