



The Grand Synagogue of Edirne



*Deputy Prime Minister H.E. Bülent Arınç
cordially invites you to the ceremony marking the
restoration and reopening of the historic Grand
Synagogue of Edirne on Thursday,
26 March 2015, at 14.00*

Venue:

The Grand Synagogue of Edirne

Maarif Caddesi, Kaleiçi Senti,

Dilaver Bey Mahallesi, EDİRNE

INFORMATION NOTE

A ceremony marking the restoration and reopening of the historic Grand Synagogue (Kal Kadosh ha-Gadol) will be conducted in Edirne. The city itself is located in Thrace, that is, in the European part of Turkey and in close proximity to the Greek and Bulgarian borders. Edirne known as Adrianople in ancient times; became the second capital of the Ottoman Empire in the 14th century A.D. before Istanbul, and it preserved its importance as the most prominent imperial city in the Balkan domains for centuries to come.

The Grand Synagogue in Edirne was built during the reign of Sultan Abdul Hamid II by the architectural model of the famous Leopoldstädter Tempel in Vienna in Moorish style and opened to worship in 1907. It was known as the second largest synagogue in Europe at that time. However, it fell into disrepair in the following decades and finally abandoned in 1983. The restoration work began in 2010 by the Directorate General of Foundations.

Having been extensively and diligently renovated, it is now finally ready to open its doors to the public again in its former glory. On this memorable occasion, the inaugural ceremony organized in collaboration with the Turkish Jewish Community will be held in Edirne at 2 pm on Thursday on 26 March 2015.

Registration form for participation is attached herewith. Please complete and return it to the Turkish Embassy by 20 March 2015. Accommodation in Istanbul (including breakfast) and inland travel expenses (Istanbul-Edirne-Istanbul) will be covered.

For further questions please contact:

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OF LITHUANIA

Days of accommodation: March 25, March 26, March 27
(3 days)

Food allergies / Dietary Restrictions: None

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