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PROGRAM

8.30-9.00	Guest registration
9.00-9.30	OPENING REMARKS AND GREETINGS
9.30-11.00	1 st SESSION - SHTETLS: HISTORY AND MEMORY <i>Moderator: prof. Šarūnas Liekis, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, Vytautas Magnus University</i>
	Representation of the Lithuanian Jewish shtetl in the Edward Blank YIVO Vilna Collections Project <i>Lyudmila Sholokhova, PhD, Director of the Archives and Library, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research</i>
	Shtetl or Intellectual Capital? Reflections of Telsiai (Telz) Jewish scholarship in collections of the National Library of Lithuania <i>Lara Lempertienė, Head of Judaica Division, Martynas Mazvydas National Library of Lithuania</i>
	Memory about Shadeve (Šeduva) shtetl. In Lithuania and in Emigration. <i>Milda Jakulytė-Vasil, Curator of the Šeduva Jewish Memorial Fund's Museum</i>
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00	2 nd SESSION - RESEARCHING JEWISH HERITAGE <i>Moderator: prof. Šarūnas Liekis, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, Vytautas Magnus University</i>
	Traces of the Ponary massacre. Non-destructive survey (2016-2017) <i>Saulius Sarcevičius, Head of the Towns' Research Division, The Lithuanian Institute of History</i> <i>Dr. Oksana Valionienė, Researcher, The Lithuanian Institute of History</i> <i>Dainius Michelevičius, General Manager of JSC "Geobaltic"</i>
	The Excavation of the Great Synagogue of Vilna and the Presentation of its Archaeology <i>Jon Seligman, PhD, Director of Excavations, Surveys and Research Department, Israel Antiquities Authority</i>
	Wooden Synagogues of Lithuania: From Magnificent to Modest <i>Dr. Sergey Kravtsov, Senior Research Associate, Center for Jewish Art, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</i>
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-14.30	The German Occupation of 1915-18 and the Shaping of Jewish Memory in Vilne <i>Mikhail Krutikov, PhD, Chair, Professor, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures and The Frankel Centre for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan</i>
14.30-17.30	3 rd SESSION - PRESERVATION AND RECOGNITION OF JEWISH HERITAGE <i>Moderator: Alfredas Jomantas, Head of Public Relations and Education, Cultural Heritage Department</i>
	Preservation of Lithuanian Jewish Immovable Heritage. State's Policy and Practice <i>Diana Varnaitė, Director of Cultural Heritage Department under the Ministry of Culture</i>
	An Inter-Institutional Collaboration in the Field of Preservation of Lithuanian Jewish Heritage <i>Faina Kukliansky, Chair of Lithuanian Jewish (Litvak) Community</i>
	Presentation of the Exhibition and the Jewish Calender
	Presentation of Lithuanian Municipalities Initiatives
	Towards the New Models of Jewish Heritage Projects <i>Victor Sorensen, Director, The European Association for the Preservation and Promotion of Jewish Culture and Heritage</i>
	Discussion & closing statements