



July 28, 2021

Her Excellency
Audra Plepyte
The Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania
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United States of America

Your Excellency,

The Israeli American Civic Action Network (ICAN) is a U.S.-based nonprofit advocacy organization dedicated to empowering Israeli immigrants to create positive change on the issues impact our community, including promoting Holocaust education and remembrance.

On September 12, 2021, we are hosting a live stream event featuring Ms. Silvia Foti and Mr. Grant Gochin to discuss the crimes of Jonas Noreika. There will be additional guests who were also directly impacted by Noreika. And, we will feature the table plundered by Noreika from the Orliansky family in Plunge as a tool to educate the public about specific crimes of the Holocaust.

Given that the Government of Lithuania has declared that Jonas Noreika was an active rescuer of Jews, as confirmed by Minister Anusauskas, we are hoping that Ambassadors Antanaviciene, Plepyte, Jureviciene, Junevicius, or Janukonis will join as a guest speaker to present the position of the Lithuanian government.

If all five Ambassadors are unavailable, perhaps Minister Anusauskas could appear as a guest? He is previous director of the Genocide Center and as the current Minister of Defense, we hope he will be able to enlighten our audience on the Jews he affirms were rescued by Mr. Noreika. He would be an especially attractive candidate for our event as he was Director of the Genocide Center during the period that Jewish Survivors were accused of possibly having committed crimes in order to survive.

Speaker Čmilytė-Nielsen is an avid chess player and given that the chess table will stay in Lithuania as an educational tool, perhaps she would appear as a guest?

Any of the previous directors of the Genocide Center would also be welcomed as guests, including Defense Minister Anusauskas, Terese Burauskaite, Dr. Adas Jakubauskas, or the current Director, Dr. Arunas Bubnys.

We believe that of the ten people mentioned above, at least one should be available on that date. Please do advise who will represent your government at this very important public educational event.

Please be aware we will hold an open seat for the representative of the Lithuanian Government.



There are already many agreed co-sponsors and we expect an audience of many thousands of viewers across the world. We are certain the Lithuanian Government will welcome this opportunity to present their case.

I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

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Chairman and CEO
Israeli-American Civic Action Network

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Consul General Laima Jurevičienė
Consulate General of the Republic of Lithuania in Los Angeles

Ambassador Dainius Junevicius
Embassy of Lithuania in South Africa

Ambassador Marius Janukonis
Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ambassador Lina Antanavičienė
Embassy of Lithuania to Israel

Viktorija Čmilytė-Nielsen
Speaker of the Seimas

Minister Arvydas Anušauskas
Ministry of National Defense, Republic of Lithuania

Dr. Arunas Bubnys
Lithuanian Genocide Center