

## Vilnius Jewish Public Library: History, Activities, Objectives and Challenges

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**Description:** Vilnius Jewish Public Library was established by the Ministry of Culture in 2011 as a result of many joint efforts and lucky coincidences. For seventy previous years, the wording “Jewish library” had no actual reference in Lithuania. Now, still in its childish age, the library is very ambitious to bring back, develop and integrate the lost local and world Jewish cultural heritage to the Jerusalem of the North. The library energetically seeks to enrich its collection and to energize its cultural and educational functions to the scale of becoming the largest of its kind in Europe.

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