

Call for Papers
International Conference
July 15 - 17, 2024; Vilnius, Lithuania

Bridging Divides: The Jews of Historical Lithuania

As many scholars are aware, the historiography of Lithuanian Jewish civilization can lack unity and coherence, segmented as it is by periodic border changes, eruptions of violence, and linguistic, cultural, and ideological divides. Yet the experience of doing research in archives and libraries tends to reinforce continuities, suggesting a much more cohesive civilization. Even the study of the Holocaust stands to benefit from removing the wall that has separated its study from the rest of Lithuanian Jewish history, as historian David Engel recently argued.

Together with Fairfield University and the Yeshiva University Emil A. and Jenny Fish Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Vilnius University will host an international meeting in Vilnius from July 15 - 17, 2024, dedicated to bridging historiographical, disciplinary, and other conceptual divides. We especially encourage emerging scholars to present their research and hope to provide them with an introduction to the rich holdings of the Lithuanian National Library and State Archives. Presenters are asked to think about the continuities of Lithuanian Jewish culture before, during, and after the Holocaust in areas like biography, geography, language, politics, gender, secularization and traditionalism, literary and artistic production, legal practices, documentation, memory studies, and Jewish-Christian relations.

The organizers will provide the participants with accommodation and meals; a limited number of grants are available to cover travel expenses.

- The deadline for application is March 1, 2024.
- Proposals should be send to jewishstudies@if.vu.lt