

JEWISH SPACE IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:

DAY-TO-DAY HISTORY

Center for Studies of the Culture and History of East European Jews (Vilnius) & Lithuanian Institute of History (Vilnius)

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Date: May, 8-9, 2006.

Location: Vilnius.

Presenters are asked to send the topic and an abstract of the presentation (in English or Russian, up to 300 words) by e-mail: info@jewishstudies.lt by 20 December 2005.

The Organizing Committee of the conference will announce the list of the presenters and inform the participants by 20 February 2006.

Presenters' travelling and accommodation expenses will be reimbursed.

Conference proceedings are to be published (in English).

The Center for Studies of the Culture and History of East European Jews in cooperation with the Lithuanian Institute of History invites to participate in the second international scientific conference on May 8/9, 2006. The topic of the conference is *Jewish Space in Central and Eastern Europe: Day-to-day History*. The key aim of the conference is to discuss the peculiarities of Jewish social life and the forms of their everyday expression. The organizers of the conference perceive Jewish space as diverse forms of life and relations developing in the rich context of urbanism, social life, economic expression, and coexistence with the non-Jewish world. Having undergone various transformations, the Jewish space has preserved its authenticity and individuality. The organizers of the conference are interested in the distinction of the Jewish space, its representation in everyday life, and the communication with non-Jewish environment.

Papers presenting the following aspects of Jewish space are welcome:

- »Regular« and »unusual« Jewish space: town (Jewish street, Jewish quarter, ghetto); shtetl; village; agricultural settlement; grange.
- Types of community (kahal, lesser kahal [*podkahalek*]) and peculiarities of traditional life determined by them (range of authority of vaad, rabbinic court, and community rabbi; choice of the burial-ground); the activities of social, educational and cultural institutions.
- Space of communication: store and delivery trade, market, fair, tavern and inn, coaching inns and travels, the institution of rent, mutual assistance, leisure and entertainment (salons, clubs, sport).