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Dr. Richard Maullin and Friends of the Vilnius Yiddish Institute
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Dear Mr. Maullin and Colleagues,

Upon completion of 10 years work at the Vilnius Yiddish Institute I would like to express deep appreciation of the great job done by Prof. Dovid Katz in preserving Judaism in a city that used to be the centre of Judaism before the Second World War.

Prof. Katz's projects, ideas and lectures bestow light upon the glory of the community that used to exist in Vilnius, which was once called Jerusalem of the North and therefore, I am sure there should be more people like Prof. Dovid Katz in order to preserve Jewish culture for the sake of the Jewish Community, the academic world, etc.

I hope that Prof. Katz will be able to continue his important job for many years to come and I would like to express a special gratitude to you and your colleagues for making it possible.

Sincerely yours,

Chen Ivri Apter
Ambassador