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Congratulations on the 100th Anniversary of Jewish Cultural Autonomy in Estonia

On behalf of the Lithuanian Jewish (Litvak) Community, we extend our warmest congratulations to the Jewish Community of Estonia on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary of Jewish Cultural Autonomy in Estonia.

The proclamation of Jewish Cultural Autonomy on June 6, 1926, was a landmark event not only in the history of Estonian Jewry, but also in the history of Europe. It demonstrated a remarkable commitment to the principles of democracy, mutual respect and the preservation of minority cultures. The decision of the Republic of Estonia to recognize and support Jewish cultural self-governance became an inspiring example for many nations and remains a source of pride and historical significance to this day.

As neighboring communities linked by shared history, heritage, and values, we deeply appreciate the importance of this anniversary. It reminds us of the enduring strength of Jewish communal life and of the responsibility we all share to preserve our traditions, educate future generations and strengthen Jewish identity in an ever-changing world.

The histories of the Jewish communities of Lithuania and Estonia have followed different paths, yet they have been united by a common determination to preserve Jewish life, culture and memory through the most challenging periods of this century. Today, as we celebrate this remarkable centennial, we also celebrate the friendship and cooperation between our communities and the shared commitment to ensuring that Jewish heritage continues to flourish throughout the Baltic region.

We wish the Jewish Community of Estonia continued success, prosperity and unity. May this centennial celebration serve as an inspiration for future generations and further strengthen the bonds between our communities and peoples.

With sincere respect and friendship,

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