Dear Friends

The Research and Translation Continuity Fund was created in 2016 to provide for the immediate needs of collecting and translating currently identified records, with our ultimate goal of raising $300,000 for the exploration of records repositories in the future.

LitvakSIG is the largest organization in the world whose mission is locating, translating and preserving our Lithuanian Jewish heritage. Your participation in this Continuity Fund is vital to achievement of our long-term goals. By donating to the Fund, you will be creating a unique memory for preserving your family’s history.

- If you have ever had the pleasure of discovering or rediscovering a key piece of your family’s history through LitvakSIG, that has helped you to unlock past generations, then please consider contributing to both your own future research as well as that for future generations.
- If you’ve ever had that special thrill of seeing the name of one of your great grandparents on an archival report, you know what it is to have it feel as though they are alive again!
- If you’ve ever felt the sadness that comes with your heritage growing dimmer as time and generations pass, then please help us to find, collect and preserve the past so that both our ancestors and our descendants will benefit!
- If you’ve found yourself committing to the ideal that the Jewish people will never forget their past, whether during a Passover Seder or at any other time, then take action NOW to help save what we can still uncover.

The LitvakSIG website (www.litvaksig.org) contains information about the Continuity Fund, how you can contribute, and how you can help to memorialize our ancestors so that they will not be forgotten.

There are several donation levels which are described below and on the website. All contributors to the fund will be able to have recognized a person of their choice, as well as other benefits depending upon the level of the donation.

This Honor Roll recognizes your contribution and commitment to the preservation of our Jewish Family. Neither time nor tragedy should be allowed to erase our family history. By the restoration and translation of their records, our family members will be rescued from oblivion. Your painstaking research and re-creation of your family tree pays them homage. You will have chosen the representative – or representatives - named in the Honor Roll to memorialize that familial history: whether the original ancestral figure, as far back as you can find; or the Patriarchs/Matriarchs who made the great migration journey; or a beloved deceased member you knew; or a living relative whose genealogical research had
brought the past alive for you; or a central member of the clan who has done the most to hold the modern family together. They stand here in honor of your Family.

**Donation Categories:**

**Honorary Level: $250 Donation**
Your inscription on the "Honorary Honor Roll" on the LitvakSIG website

**Family Level: $1000 Donation**
Your inscription on the "Family Honor Roll" on the LitvakSIG website, PLUS
Lifetime membership in LitvakSIG

**Heritage Level: $5000 Donation**
Your inscription on the "Heritage Honor Roll" on the LitvakSIG website, PLUS
Lifetime membership in LitvakSIG, PLUS
Lifetime access to ALL District Research Groups and the Vilnius Internal Passports Group

**Patriarch/Matriarch/Dynasty Level: $15,000 Donation**
Your inscription on the "Patriarch/Matriarch/Dynasty Honor Roll " on the LitvakSIG website, PLUS
Lifetime membership in LitvakSIG, PLUS
Lifetime access to ALL District Research Groups and the Vilnius Internal Passports Group, as well as advanced access to all new research, PLUS.
Access to a special forum of advisory genealogical leaders at LitvakSIG

Special note regarding "Lifetime Membership" and "Lifetime access to District Research Groups".
• Normally, a one year membership to LitvakSIG is granted along with a $50 dues contribution; note that "membership" does not enable access to District Research Group webpages.
• Normally, five years of access to ONE District Research Group is granted along with a $100 contribution to each DRG.
• "Membership" entitles the donor to voting privileges and access to the "members" area of the website; "Access" to one or more DRGs entitles the donor to access to the relevant district's webpages within the LitvakSIG website (including access to that district's or group's spreadsheet data).

LitvakSIG is a financial independent non-profit 501©(3) corporation in the state of Iowa, USA. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the US. Please consult your tax advisor for further information.

What next? If you're excited by this new initiative and would like to participate but have questions or would like more information, please contact either:

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