



Meeting Agenda

Vilnius, Lithuania | 3–6 May 2026

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Arrival & Opening Day Sunday, 3 May 2026

Time	Event	Location
08:30 – 10:00	REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY <i>Pick up conference badges and say hello to staff</i>	Neringa Hotel, Lobby
09:00 – 11:00	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING <i>By invitation only</i>	Neringa Hotel, Jura Meeting room, ground floor
12:25	→ <i>Meet in the lobby to walk together to lunch</i>	Neringa Hotel, Lobby → AC Marriott Hotel
12:45 – 14:00	WELCOME LUNCH <i>Opportunity to connect during lunch, before the Council of Representatives convenes</i>	AC Marriott Hotel
14:00 – 14:30	OPENING PLENARY <i>Come together for an opening plenary featuring:</i> <i>Welcoming Remarks</i> by Arturo Merikanskas, Chair of the Council of Representatives <i>Greetings</i> by Faina Kukliansky, Chairwoman of the Lithuanian Jewish Community <i>In Memoriam (including a special tribute to Mikhail Libkin)</i> by Jacob Kincler, World ORT Board Member and President Emeritus of ORT Canada <i>Strategic Address</i> by Dov Ben-Shimon, CEO, World ORT	AC Marriott Hotel
14:30 – 15:00	ENTREPRENEURSHIP, DEEP TECH, ISRAEL & RESILIENCE <i>Don't miss this special presentation by Dov Moran, inventor of DiskOnKey and VC investor and World ORT Board Member</i>	AC Marriott Hotel

15:00 – 15:30	COFFEE BREAK	AC Marriott Hotel
15:30 – 17:30	BUILDING, LEARNING, HEALING: ORT IN ACTION <i>Engage with students and psychological support specialists from ORT schools and programs</i>	AC Marriott Hotel
17:30 – 17:45	→ Return to hotel — rest and recharge before dinner	Neringa Hotel
19:05	→ Meet in the lobby to walk together to dinner	Neringa Hotel, Lobby → Grand Hotel Vilnius
19:30 – 22:30	CELEBRATORY DINNER, HONORING OUTGOING LEADERSHIP <i>Join for a dinner honoring World ORT outgoing leadership and enjoy a special presentation by Dr. Jonathan Boyd, Executive Director, Institute for Jewish Policy Research, London</i>	Grand Hotel Vilnius, Grand Dukes Hall

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School Visit Monday, 4 May 2026

Time	Event	Location
08:50	→ Meet in the lobby to depart for the school	Neringa Hotel, Lobby → Vilnius Sholom Aleichem School
09:30 – 10:10	VILNIUS SHOLOM ALEICHEM ORT SCHOOL <i>Enjoy welcoming remarks from Principal Dr. Ruth Reches and student performance by primary school students and presentation by high school students</i>	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
10:10 – 10:30	ORT IN UKRAINE: OPERATIONS UPDATE <i>Hear from Mila Finkelstein, Chief Executive, ORT Ukraine</i>	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE BREAK	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
11:00 – 12:30	STUDENT-LED SCHOOL TOUR <i>See STEAM labs, Hebrew and Jewish Studies classrooms, and a new kindergarten</i>	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH WITH EDUCATORS & SCHOOL LEADERSHIP	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
13:40 – 14:20	ORT'S HISTORY IN LITHUANIA <i>Discover the role ORT has played in Lithuania, with a presentation by Dr. Lara Lempertienė, Head of the Judaica</i>	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School

Research Center at the National Library of Lithuania, and
Jennifer Brunton, Archivist and Records Manager at World ORT

14:20 – 14:50	"ORT IN LITHUANIA" HISTORY EXHIBITION <i>Explore the exhibition over coffee</i>	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
14:50 – 15:40	NATIONAL DIRECTORS PANEL: LOCAL REALITIES, SHARED SOLUTIONS <i>Participate in a moderated discussion exploring how ORT professionals across the network navigate local environments while advancing shared global priorities. Moderated by World ORT CEO, Dov Ben-Shimon, and featuring:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ariellah Rosenberg, ORT South Africa • Dr. Moshe Leiba, World ORT Kadima Mada, Israel • Dr. Plamen Petrov, ORT Bulgaria • Wilson Cukierman, ORT Brazil 	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
15:40 – 16:40	INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP SHOWCASE <i>Learn how ORT students are engaging with key education trends, including the Digital Skills Academy (DSA), AI in Education, and the World ORT Young Entrepreneurship Program (YEP), with students joining to share their perspectives and experiences. Led by Gaynor Collins, Interim Director, Education Department, World ORT, with an introduction by Victor Toledo, Chair, ORT Bulgaria.</i>	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
16:40	→ Return to hotel — Rest and recharge before the evening	Neringa Hotel
18:00 – 20:30	NETWORKING RECEPTION + LIGHT DINNER <i>COR participants and National Directors come together for an opportunity to develop new partnerships, have meaningful conversations, and strengthen relationships.</i>	Neringa Hotel, Restaurant Ground Floor

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Heritage & Commemoration Tuesday, 5 May 2026

Time	Event	Location
08:35	→ Meet in the lobby to walk together to Cathedral Square	Neringa Hotel, Lobby → Cathedral Square
09:00 – 12:30	JEWISH HERITAGE TOUR OF VILNIUS <i>Take a guided tour of the historic Ghetto Area, historic ORT School Building, Synagogue, and Gaon of Vilna Memorial Sites</i>	Old Town Vilnius
12:30 – 14:00	COLLABORATIVE LUNCH <i>COR participants & National Directors come together for a shared lunch and collaborative conversation</i>	Artis Hotel
14:00	→ Board the coach to Paneriai	Artis Hotel → Paneriai Memorial Site

14:30 – 17:00	<p>PANERIAI FOREST MEMORIAL</p> <p><i>Participate in a solemn visit to Paneriai, where an estimated 100,000 people — primarily Jews — were murdered between 1941 and 1944. The visit includes:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Guided tour of the memorial site</i> • <i>Commemorative ceremony featuring addresses by dignitaries with wreath laying</i> • <i>Performance by the ORT school choir</i> 	Paneriai Memorial Site
17:00	→ Return to Vilnius — explore and enjoy dinner on your own	Yours to discover

Day 4 **Optional Extension to Šeduva** Wednesday, 6 May 2026

Time	Event	Location
06:30	→ Departure from Neringa Hotel — breakfast boxes provided for the journey	Neringa Hotel → Šeduva
10:00 – 13:00	<p>LOST SHTETL MUSEUM, PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR</p> <p><i>On this private, guided tour, learn how the Lost Shtetl Museum is preserving the memory of Lithuania's vanished shtetls</i></p>	Šeduva, Lithuania
13:00 – 15:00	<p>ŠEDUVA SCHOOL, LUNCH & TOUR</p> <p><i>See partnership in action while exploring how the U21 Foundation is supporting renovation and development, and ORT Ukraine is contributing expertise to modernizing STEM learning.</i></p>	Šeduva, Lithuania
15:00 – 18:00	→ Return journey to Vilnius	Šeduva → Vilnius
18:00	<p>INFORMAL DINNER</p> <p><i>Pizza and salads on return from Šeduva</i></p>	Neringa Hotel