



Meeting Agenda

Vilnius, Lithuania | 4 – 7 May, 2026

Departing 8 May

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Networking Evening Monday, 4 May 2026

18:00 –
20:30

NETWORKING RECEPTION + LIGHT DINNER

Council of Representatives (COR) participants and National Directors come together for an opportunity to develop new partnerships, have meaningful conversations, and strengthen relationships.

Neringa Hotel, Restaurant
Ground Floor

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Heritage & Commemoration Tuesday, 5 May 2026

Time	Event	Location
09:10	→ Meet in the lobby for a short transfer to the Vilnius ORT school	Neringa Hotel, Lobby → Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
09:30 – 10:00	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
10:00 – 11:30	STUDENT-LED SCHOOL TOUR <i>See STEAM labs, Hebrew and Jewish Studies classrooms, and a new kindergarten</i>	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
11:30 – 11:50	THREADS OF SURVIVAL: AN ORT STORY IN ONE OBJECT <i>Jennifer Brunton, Archivist and Records Manager at World ORT, explores the power of the archive through an unexpected item: a pattern-making book that reveals a story of resilience, skills, and survival, offering a glimpse into the World ORT archive as a living resource.</i>	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School
11:50 12:10	"ORT IN LITHUANIA" HISTORY EXHIBITION	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School

12:15	→ Transfer to the Artis Hotel for lunch	Vilnius Sholom Aleichem ORT School → Artis Hotel
12:30 – 14:00	COLLABORATIVE LUNCH COR participants & National Directors come together for a shared lunch and collaborative conversation	Artis Hotel
14:00	→ Board the coach to Paneriai	Artis Hotel → Paneriai Memorial Site
14:30 – 17:00	PANERIAI FOREST MEMORIAL Participate in a solemn visit to Paneriai, where an estimated 100,000 people — primarily Jews — were murdered between 1941 and 1944. The visit includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guided tour of the memorial site • Commemorative ceremony featuring addresses by dignitaries with wreath laying • Performance by the ORT school choir 	Paneriai Memorial Site
17:00	→ Return to Vilnius	
19:30	National Directors' Forum Welcome Dinner	Neringa Hotel

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Visit 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	LOST SHTETL MUSEUM, PRIVATE GUIDED TOUR On this private, guided tour, learn how the Lost Shtetl Museum is preserving the memory of Lithuania's vanished shtetls	Šeduva, Lithuania
13:00 – 15:00	ŠEDUVA SCHOOL, LUNCH & TOUR 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.	Šeduva, Lithuania
15:00 – 18:00	→ Return journey to Vilnius	Šeduva → Vilnius
18:00	INFORMAL DINNER Pizza and salads on return from Šeduva	Neringa Hotel

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09:15 – 09:45	EXECUTIVE SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dov Ben-Shimon, CEO, World ORT</i> • <i>Vladimir Dribinskiy, Chief Program Officer, World ORT</i> 	Neringa Hotel – All Day
09:45 – 10:15	NEW WORLD ORT SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM – INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS	
10:15 – 11:00	THOUGHTS ON AI IN EDUCATION – PRESENTATIONS AND Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Marcelo Lewkow, National Director, ORT Chile</i> • <i>Wilson Cukierman, National Director, ORT Brazil</i> • <i>Follow-up reflections from Dr. Jorge Grünberg, Rector, Universidad ORT Uruguay</i> 	
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK <i>Time for check-out if needed</i>	
11:30 – 12:00	PRESENTATION ON CRISIS RESPONSE IN ISRAEL <i>Dr. Moshe Leiba, Chief Pedagogy Officer, World ORT Kadima Mada</i>	
12:00 – 12:30	ORT IN UKRAINE <i>Mila Finkelshtein, Chief Executive, ORT Ukraine</i>	
12:30 – 13:00	EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE <i>Gaynor Collins, Interim Director, World ORT Education Department</i>	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 – 14:15	NETWORKING INITIATIVES UPDATE – ORT ALUMNI NETWORK AND WORLD ORT SPEAKERS BUREAU <i>Vladimir Dribinskiy, Chief Program Officer, World ORT</i>	
14:15 – 15:15	ROUND TABLE AND OPEN MIC SESSION: FEEDBACK AND REFLECTIONS	
15:15 – 15:45	CLOSING SESSION AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
15:45 – 16:00	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00 – 18:30	JEWISH HERITAGE WALKING TOUR OF VILNIUS <i>A guided exploration of one of Europe’s most significant Jewish centers.</i>	