



An International Treasure in Vermont

Last Friday the Lost Mural Project board had the pleasure of hosting Audra Plepytė, Lithuania's Ambassador to the U.S., at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, to view the Lost Mural and learn about the conservation work which has been underway this spring and summer. The Ambassador stated: "to come to Burlington and to see this wonder, this shining mural now, it's very emotional, and it's very important."



Speaking with the press, Lost Mural Board Chair Madeleine Kunin asked "Why is the mural important? It's not only a Jewish story of survival, it's an immigrant story of survival... People who trace their roots back to Italy, to Ireland, to Bosnia or wherever, they can identify with this story of Jewish and immigrant survival."

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A team of professional conservators have been working to clean the surface of the Lost Mural since April. That work will draw to an end this month and the final phase of conservation, restoring the mural's damaged and missing sections, will begin in October. Once completed, the restoration will allow those interested in Lithuanian, Jewish, and immigrant history to see the mural as it appeared when it was painted in 1910.

**To read press coverage of the Ambassador's visit, see the links below:**

[Lithuanian ambassador visits Burlington's 'Lost Mural'](#)

[Restoration of unique 1910 mural continues in Burlington synagogue](#)

**For updates on the conservation work, be sure to visit our [website](#).**

***As always, thank you for your support of the **Lost Mural Project**. Our work to preserve this incredible artifact would not be possible without you.***

- The Friends of the Lost Mural

