

## **CANTOR'S MESSAGE**

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A new soccer hotel is planned to be built in the Ukraine. It sounds like good news for those who love soccer, and many do in Europe. The problem is that the site for the great plans is on the land where once stood the Golden Rose synagogue. As a synagogue that dates back to the 16th century in Lviv, Ukraine, it was destroyed by the Nazis during the Holocaust in 1941 with Jews in it. Its remains were declared a World Heritage Site in 1998 by UNESCO (United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization). Yet, it is scheduled for demolition to pave way for the new soccer hotel.

President Viktor Yanukovich had ordered construction at the Golden Rose complex to be stopped immediately. However, even Yanukovich's spokesperson Anna Herman still fears the worst:

". . . I am afraid that the construction will be renewed after things have quieted down. I address the investor to whom the local authorities sold the land for construction: I ask him to give up this business project. Nothing good can come from the profit he would get. This would be dirty money earned through shame. This site is historical for Lviv and it must be preserved."

Will UNESCO step in and stop this travesty? Will the United Nations, for once, show that they are not biased against Jews? Time will tell, but I won't hold my breath.

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