
BULGARIA OPENS FIRST JEWISH SCHOOL IN TWO DECADES

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The Ronald S. Lauder Day School in Sofia, the countrys capital, started classes on Sept. 15, named for the president of the World Jewish Congress and a major philanthropist to Jewish causes.

Currently, an estimated 6,000 Jews reside in Bulgaria.

What do we want from the school? We want the children to be proud of being Jewish. In order to be proud, they have to know what theyre proud of, and why, said Lauder at the schools inauguration.

Previously, the schools 88 student, all under the age of 12, learned at the Lauder-ORT No. 134 Dimcho Debelianov Jewish School in Sofia □ public school that, thanks to the Lauder Foundation, incorporated some Jewish curriculum, including Hebrew-language classes.

In 2010, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, with the Shalom Bulgarian Jewish community, founded a Jewish kindergarten, which now includes dozens of children.

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