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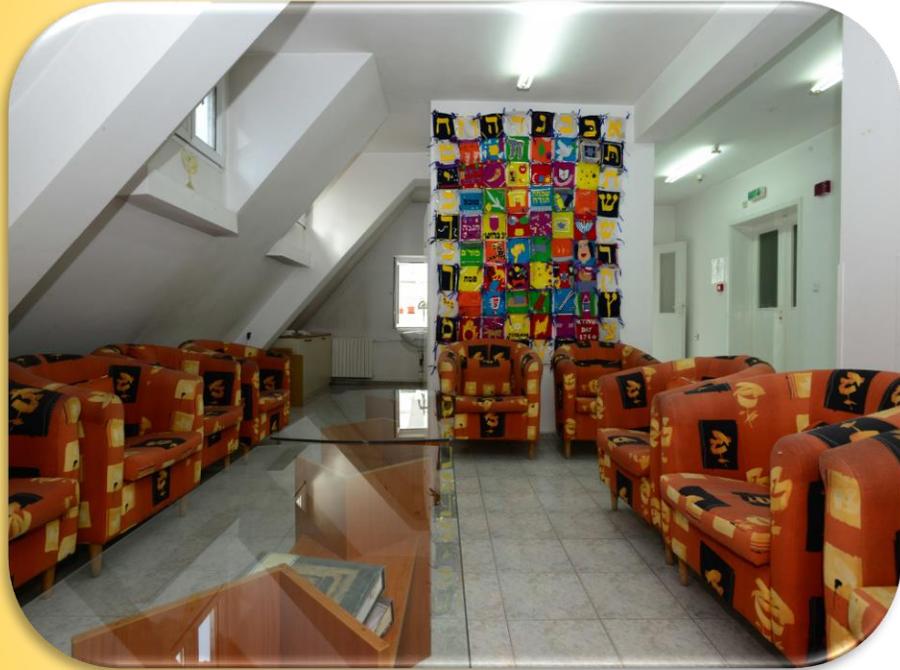
RESEARCH, DISCUSS, GROW:
BECOMING  CITIZENS



Jews

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Social activity



Judaism teaches you to take care of the needy in your family, your community, your city, country and in general. This principle determines the activity of the Organization of Jews in Bulgaria "Shalom" in the field of charity, mutual aid, care for needy people, families and groups of people, both within the Jewish community and outside it.



A large part of the Jewish organization's social activities is aimed at the elderly, who have now largely survived the horrors of the Holocaust and World War II. Through the funds of world Jewish funds, which support and assist precisely this specific group of people worldwide, and most importantly, the Bulgarian Jewish community has the opportunity to provide decent antiquities to its members in the "golden age".

There are dining rooms for them all over the country, social patronage for those who can no longer leave their homes, medical care, provision of medicines, psychological support to deal with the trauma of the experiences during the Holocaust, and more. In addition to this support for the community, it is extremely important to preserve and ensure the dignified life and commitment of these members, which is why within the High Day Center and a number of clubs, the elderly sing, dance, play sports, engage in various discussions. , practice their knowledge of Hebrew, Ladino, Jewish traditions and customs, meet celebrities, travel on trips and camps, and have fun.



Education



Providing a good education has been of particular importance to Jews from antiquity to the present day. The predecessors of the Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria "Shalom" - the Consistory and the Public Cultural and Educational Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria, have always had among their priorities the provision of quality education for its members.

Nowadays, the values of quality education that will ensure the future of the Jews in Bulgaria seem to be an even more important priority. OEB "Shalom" divides its activities in the field of education into formal and non-formal



Cultural activities



The organization of the Jews in Bulgaria "Shalom" aims to develop activities in the field of culture, to support and promote Jewish art, to assist artists of Jewish origin and to cooperate with cultural institutions, foreign cultural institutes, organizations and structures in the country.

This is a goal that has been inherited from the predecessors of the organization - the Consistory and the Public Cultural and Educational Organization of the Jews in Bulgaria. There is no field of art and culture in Bulgaria where there is no worthy Jewish presence, both over the years and today - from Elias Canetti and Valeri Petrov, to Pancho Vladigerov and Nikolai Kaufman, from Leon Daniel and Yitzhak Finzi, to Jules Paskin and Boris. Shatz, we have something to be proud of.

Fight against anti-Semitism

In the conditions of spiritual crisis, when the world becomes more and more intolerant to the different in religion, ethnicity, nationality, and even to the different in culture and way of life, it is extremely important to make systematic efforts so that Bulgaria does not lose its image. its an ethnically and religiously tolerant country.





The Bulgarian people saved their Jews from death, in the dark years of the Holocaust, when anti-Semitism was practically at its peak, with the adoption and implementation of anti-Jewish legislation and the massacre of 6,000,000 Jews in death camps.

In the years immediately following this black page in world history, when anti-Semitism could be defined as controlled and no longer seemed to be on the agenda, a different trend emerged, but it was also worrying, namely not to talk about anti-Semitism. to belittle, neglect and ignore as real.

In recent years, however, anti-Semitism has risen alarmingly in a number of countries, especially in some parts of Europe. Adding to the topic the trends arising from the pressing problems of society worldwide, such as tackling the refugee wave from the Middle East, Asia and Africa, the growing danger of the entry of radical, extremist, fundamentalist and extreme ideologies, the emergence of groups based the idea of the rule of one group of people over another, the gross violation of human rights in more and more hotspots around the world and the wave of terrorist acts and attacks, the Organization is taking active measures to fulfill one of its main goals - to protect its members from any form of violence, hatred and discrimination, to prevent terrorist acts similar to those in Paris, Brussels, Stockholm, Burgas, etc. For this purpose, the organization systematically and carefully monitors and analyzes the situation in the country for manifestations of anti-Semitism.



Thank you for your attention