

Shalom.

Our first prime minister, David Ben Gurion said:

A Jew who does not believe in miracles is not realistic, and today, here in Russian State University of Humanities, in Moscow, we are facing one of those great miracles.

Dear Distinguish guests dear students.

I am standing here in Moscow to congratulate our first students who graduated their BA studies. I am sure you learned a lot and you got varieties of tools and knowledge that will serve you in the future.

One of the 3 pillars of the World Union for Progressive Judaism is to educate and empower the leaders of the next generation, and to have continuation to what we are doing and believe, so standing here today means a lot to us and to the Reform Jewish people around the world because we are positive that our graduates will continue our mission.

I think that this project reflect a unique cooperation between the Russian State University of Humanities, Abraham Gaiger College, Postdam University and the World Union For Progressive Judaism and I would like to thank our partners . A special thank to Dr Alex Kagan who was the dreamer of this project and made it happened.

And now to graduates :

I would to congratulate you for this achievement and to wish each one of you a great success in the future and the our students who continue their Rabbinical studies, have a positive and meaningful way and please remember: we need you and we are waiting you to be Rabbis and leaders.

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Thank you and Good Luck.

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