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Russia's Largest Yeshiva Targeted on Passover Eve

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Photo Credit: Avital Goldschmidt / An Important Yeshiva just outside of Moscow was victim to a graffiti and arson attack.

The largest Yeshiva in Russia was victim to antisemitic graffiti and an arson attack on Passover eve.

Last Friday, just outside Moscow, sixty Jews planned to come together at the Torat Chaim Yeshiva for a Passover Seder. The Seder, which takes place on the first two nights of Passover each year, celebrates the Jews freedom from slavery in Egypt and the story of their exodus through the desert.

However, upon arrival, the found the Yeshiva—the largest in Russia—to have been desecrated with swastika graffiti and an arson attack. Moscow's Chief Rabbi Pinchas Goldschmidt's spokeswoman explained that the fire was set in the storage area for the kosher meat and that the swastikas were drawn at the Yeshiva's entrance. Fortunately, no one was injured in the incident.

In response to the attack, World Jewish Congress CEO Robert Singer





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expressed anger and horror. The Russian authorities are now investigating the incident and can hopefully swiftly bring the perpetrators to justice.

Reports from Moscow that the Torat Chaim Yeshiva was attacked last night by what seems to be neo-Nazis. Swastikas painted on the doors and the storehouse entirely burned, the yeshiva community's precious kosher meat/food for Passover gone. [plc.twitter.com/XpXJPRLdrC](https://twitter.com/XpXJPRLdrC)

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