Bulgarian Jew in the US

Bulgaria is a Slavic country that was settled by Bulgars in the Middle Ages. Historically, Jews have been there since Roman times. In 1339, Bulgarian King Johann Alexander married a Jewess, Sarah, who was known as Queen Theodora. A century later, in 1492, Spain expelled all Jews; some went to Bulgaria. Hence, Bulgaria's Jews are Sephardic, meaning Spanish Jews. As Sephardim, Bulgarian Jews may speak Ladino as well as Bulgarian. Most Bulgarian Jews are elderly. In 1997, the Jewish community sought to revitalize Judaism through education and the introduction of Hebrew into public schools as a foreign language. However, there are still only two synagogues.

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POPULATION: 1,900
LANGUAGE: Bulgrian
RELIGION: Ethnic Religions
BIBLE: Complete
STATUS: Unreached

Obstacles
Revitalization of Jewish communities may prove to be either an obstacle or a bridge of God for Bulgarian Jews. If the gospel is viewed as a threat to their Jewishness, it will be an obstacle. Traditional evangelism is usually viewed this way by Jewish populations.

Outreach Ideas
Christ followers can present Jesus to the Bulgarian Jews using Jewish cultural forms.

Prayer Focus
Pray that the Bulgarian Orthodox Church would become mission-minded and experience a Holy Spirit revitalization. May they actively seek the salvation of Bulgarian Jews. Pray that Messianic Jews would seek out and witness to Bulgarian Jews.

SCRIPTURE This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (1 John 1:5)

PRAY *for today's people group to perceive the holiness and justice of God and to be led by the Spirit to repent of their sins.*