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THE LAUDER-MORASHA SCHOOL

As a result of the success of the Lauder Jewish Kindergarten opened in 1989 in Warsaw, The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation established The Lauder-Morasha School in 1994. Building on the remarkable legacy of Jewish tradition and culture that flourished among the three million Jews who resided in Poland before W.W.II, The Lauder-Morasha School grew quickly from 18 first-graders to its current enrollment of 165 students in Grades K-8.

Indeed, the School now plays such a pivotal role in revitalizing the all-but-lost *morasha* (heritage) of Polish Jewry that its need for a permanent home became a pressing issue. Thus, to accommodate its increasing numbers and help assure a viable Jewish future, the Foundation acquired and renovated the facility we proudly dedicate on Tuesday, October 12, 1999.

This site has special significance for the Warsaw Jewish Community. Not only was the original designer of the building in the 1920's, the famous Jewish architect Henryk Stifelman, but the structure also served as a Jewish seniors facility until W.W.II.

The Lauder-Morasha's new campus enables the combined primary and middle schools, each fully accredited by the Polish Ministry of Education, to enrich their innovative curricula as well as to offer Jewish programs, workshops, and activities for parents and community members.

By providing a high-quality Jewish and general education in such a magnificent facility, the Foundation is certain that Lauder-Morasha students will develop into proud, informed and responsible adults helping to reclaim the richness of Jewish life, tradition and culture which had been denied to so many for over half a century.

The Foundation rejoices that the new Lauder-Morasha School marks a milestone in an extraordinary reawakening of Jewish life on Polish soil.

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE RONALD S. LAUDER FOUNDATION

Established in 1987, The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation is dedicated to nurturing the renewal of Jewish life throughout Central and Eastern Europe.

Today, half a century after the Holocaust and a decade after the collapse of the Berlin Wall, those Jews remaining are trying to pick up the pieces of history shattered by Nazism, and stifled by Communism. As they are picking up those pieces, The Ronald S. Lauder Foundation is there to help in every way possible.

As Ronald S. Lauder says,

“Our philosophy is simple: we want to make available to as many Jewish children as possible the chance to develop pride in their Jewish roots by learning in a Jewish school, attending a Jewish summer camp, or participating in a Jewish Youth Center Program. In turn, we know that these young people, increasingly enthusiastic about their heritage, will bring Judaism home to their families, leading the tremendous Jewish renaissance that is taking place throughout this region.

These children are, indeed, the rescuers of a proud legacy, nearly obliterated, which is now drawing them and their families into deep and meaningful Jewish commitments.

We consider it a great responsibility to reach out and provide inspiration to the parents as well as to offer a quality education to their children, and we are deeply grateful for their trust and confidence in our endeavors. After all this time and all they have suffered, these Jews still want to be Jews. It is the Foundation's honor to support such courage and love through more than 40 programs in an ever-growing network that now spreads across 15 countries.”

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EVENT AND TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR LAUDER OPENINGS
OCTOBER 9-12, 1999

<u>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9TH</u>	<u>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH</u>	<u>MONDAY, OCTOBER 11TH</u>	<u>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH</u>
ARRIVALS VARY HOTELS IN BERLIN: <u>FOUR-SEASONS</u> <u>EAST BERLIN</u> (NON-KOSHER HOTEL) 49-30-20-338 <u>KEMPINSKI</u> <u>WEST BERLIN</u> (KOSHER HOTEL) 49-30-884-340		OPTIONAL TOURING OF VIENNA	<u>DEPART FOR WARSAW</u> LEAVE FOR AIRPORT 9:00 AM <u>AUSTRIAN AIRLINES</u> FLIGHT #621 DEPART VIENNA 10:15 AM ARRIVE WARSAW 11:30 AM <u>HOTEL IN WARSAW</u> BRISTOL HOTEL 48-22-625-2525 (IF STAYING OVER)
<u>FIRST EVENT</u>	<u>SECOND EVENT</u>	<u>THIRD EVENT</u>	<u>FOURTH EVENT</u>
8:00 P.M. B'NAI B'RITH RECEPTION HONORING RONALD S. LAUDER WITH RAOUL WALLENBERG AWARD AT JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER FASANENSTR. 79 JUDISCHE GEMEINDE-ZU- BERLIN	12:00 NOON LAUDER JÜDISCHES LEHRHAUS OPENING AT RYKESTRASSE SYNAGOGUE RYKESTRASSE 53 EAST BERLIN	11:00 A.M. LAUDER CHABAD SCHOOL OPENING AT RABBINER-SCHNEERSON- PLATZ 1 AUGARTEN	11:30 A.M. MEDAL AWARD HONORING RONALD S. LAUDER BY PRESIDENT KWASNIEWSKI AT PRESIDENTIAL PALACE 1:00 P.M. LAUDER-MORASHA SCHOOL OPENING AT UL. WAWELBERGA 10 KEYNOTE ADDRESS PRIME MINISTER JERZY BUZAK
DINNER TO FOLLOW	LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN SYNAGOGUE OPTIONAL TOURING OF BERLIN <u>DEPART FOR VIENNA</u> LEAVE FOR AIRPORT 4:30 PM <u>LUFTHANSA AIRLINES</u> FLIGHT #5394 DEPART BERLIN 5:55 PM ARRIVE VIENNA 7:15 PM <u>HOTEL IN VIENNA</u> RADISSON HOTEL 431-515-170 INFORMAL KOSHER DINNER UPON ARRIVAL	RECEPTION AND LUNCH TO FOLLOW 4:00 P.M. MEDAL AWARD HONORING RONALD S. LAUDER BY PRESIDENT KLESTIL AT HOFBURG 6:00 P.M. DINNER HOSTED BY MAYOR HÄUPL AT CITY HALL	RECEPTION AND LUNCH TO FOLLOW <u>END OF CELEBRATIONS</u> <u>OPTIONAL FLIGHT BACK TO NEW YORK – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13TH</u> <u>AMERICAN AIRLINES</u> FLIGHT #7871 LEAVE WARSAW 1:10 PM DIRECT TO JFK AT 4:45 PM <u>NO FLIGHTS TO NEW YORK TUESDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 12TH</u>
(ALL OFFICIAL MEALS AND RECEPTIONS ARE KOSHER)			