

Butyrka Jail Gets Synagogue

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The first synagogue for detained suspects will open in Moscow's Butyrskaya pretrial jail on Thursday, Interfax reported, citing the Federation of Jewish Communities of Russia.

There are currently three synagogues in prisons for convicts nationwide but none in pretrial detention centers, the report said. The Federal Prison Service plans to open three more synagogues by 2012, it said.

Butyrskaya opened a prayer room for Muslims in January, followed by Matrosskaya Tishina pretrial jail later the same month. Butyrskaya also has opened an online shop and plans to install tanning beds for inmates this year.

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