



## **Vice-chairman of the Department for External Church Relations meets with head of a department of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Russia**

August 2, 2013, Archimandrite Philaret (Bulekov), DECR vice-chairman, met with Rabbi Aaron Gurevich, head of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Russia's department for cooperation with the Armed Forces, law enforcement bodies and the Emergency Committee. Participating in the meeting was also Deacon Dimitry Safonov, head of the DECR sector for interreligious contacts.

They discussed, among other things, the attack on Rabbi Ovadia Isakov, head of the Dagestan Jewish Community, carried out on July 25, 2013. Archimandrite Philaret expressed sympathy with the rabbi who was seriously injured in the attack which nearly cost him his life. The sides considered various ways of Orthodox-Jewish cooperation on international platforms.

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