

Project Judaica

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MEMORANDUM

Date: January 11, 1993
To: Project Judaica Spring 1993 Faculty
From: David Fishman

I'd like to call your attention to a new program-wide solution to the question of regular attendance for our Project Judaica students in Moscow. (Until now, enforcement has been up to the initiative of the individual instructors.) Most students *do* attend classes regularly; in fact, our we've learned that our turnout is considered stellar by Russian standards. Nevertheless, five or six students have serious attendance problems, and a formal policy is being introduced as of the Spring 1993 semester.

Please take attendance at the beginning of every class (a circulating sign-in sheet will do). Any student who misses more than 1/4 of the semester's class sessions will be penalized one full point in the Soviet 5-point grading system. A student who misses more than 1/3 of the sessions will lose two points.

Before I left Moscow at the end of the Fall semester, I reviewed this new policy with the students, so they are completely aware of it and expect it to take effect.

Thanks so much for your help and cooperation.