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Dear David,

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I am writing with regard to scheduling and other arrangements for our Moscow Conference, "Russian Jewish Culture: Questions of Interaction." The Conference will be held at Russian State University for the Humanities, 6 Miusskaya Ploschad, Korpus 1, Moscow. As we have a full program of speakers and would like to leave time for discussion, each paper should be no longer than twenty-five minutes. [See attached list of speakers and paper topics.] There will be simultaneous English/Russian translation. Please bring an additional copy of your paper for use by the translators.

Schedule

The Conference will take place on Tuesday, June 30 and Wednesday, July 1, 1998. There will be a plenary session each morning, and parallel sections each afternoon. In addition, you are invited to attend the Project Judaica commencement dinner on Monday evening, June 29 honoring our second graduating class at RSUH, and a concert of Yiddish music by Adrienne Cooper and Zalman Mlotek on Tuesday evening, June 30 at the Glinka Concert Hall.

Meals and Housing

Conference participants will be housed at Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH), in korpus 4 on the main campus. The accommodations are not luxurious, but rooms are clean and neatly furnished. The conference will be held in korpus 1, which is a short walking distance from the dormitory. [Please see the attached map].

We will serve a kosher dinner in the Project Judaica dining room (3rd floor of the korpus 4 dormitory) on Sunday evening, June 28 for those participants arriving on Sunday. Three meals daily including a kosher option, will be provided for the duration of the Conference (June 30 - July 1, 1998).

Russian Visas

If you have sent me your passport information, you will receive an official invitation from the Russian Foreign Ministry, which I will fax to you in the next two weeks. In order to get a visa, you should present this invitation, a xerox of the main (photo) page of your passport, three passport-size photographs and a money-order made out to the "Consulate of the Russian Federation" at the Russian Consulate in your city. The amount of the money order varies depending on the processing time of the visa. [The cost of one week processing at the Russian Consulate in New York is \$80.] Your travel agent may be able to submit these materials for you, and pick-up your visa for an additional fee.

Arrival in Moscow

Please send me your flight arrival and departure times well in advance so that I can arrange pick-up from Moscow's Sheremetevo Airport. You will be met by a Project Judaica or RSUH representative (holding a sign with your name) and taken by mini-bus or car to the university.

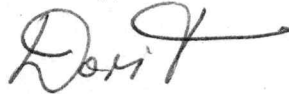
Reimbursement and Final Paper

Project Judaica will reimburse you for the cost of your round-trip airfare to Moscow in July. Please submit your final paper with revisions for publication in the conference volume by September 15.

Please fax all receipts and flight information to me at 1 (212) 749-0752, and feel free to contact me with any questions concerning your Moscow trip at telephone: 1 (212) 678-8983 or e-mail: dosallis@jtsa.edu.

We look forward to seeing you in Moscow.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dorit Sallis
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Russian Culture and Jewish Culture: Questions of Interaction
June 30-July 1, 1998
Preliminary List of Papers

Project Judaica

1. Dr. David Roskies (JTS), "Yidn Partizaner: Songs of the Jewish Resistance in their Soviet Context."
2. Dr. Hamutal Bar Yosef (Ben Gurion University), "The Jewish Reception of Vladimir Solovyov."
3. Dr. Mordechai Altshuler (Hebrew University), "Russian, Russian-Language and Russian-Jewish Literature (Hecht and Erenburg) -- Towards a Formulation of the Question."
4. Dr. Israel Bartal (Hebrew University), "The Image of Russians in Yiddish and Hebrew Literature in the 19th Century."
5. Dr. Shimon Iakerson (Institute for Oriental Studies, St. Petersburg), "Rare Jewish Books and their Path to Russia's Libraries."
6. Dr. Samuel Kassow (Trinity College), "Maxim Vinaver and the Problem of Russian Jewish Identity."
7. Drs. Valery Chervyakov and Vladimir Shapiro (Institute of Sociology, Russian Academy of Sciences), "'Russian Jews': Theoretical Definitions and Empirical Referents (Based on Sociological Surveys, 1992-97)."
8. Dr. Mark Kupovetsky (Center for Biblical and Jewish Studies, RSUH), "Judaisers in Russia, 18th-20th Century: From 'Religious Heresy' to Sub-Ethnic Group."
9. Dr. Jonathan Frankel (Hebrew University), "The Russian Roots of Jewish Politics."
10. Dr. Mark Slobin (Wesleyan University), "Moshe Beregovskii: The Insider as Outsider."
11. Dr. Greta Slobin (Wesleyan University), "Poetry, Emigration, Diaspora."

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[This is a tentative list. There will be a total of 19 speakers on the final list.]

1. Oleg Budnitsky (Rostov-on-Don), "Russian Liberalism and the Jewish Question."
2. Marietta Chudakova (Moscow), "Mikhail Bulgakov and the Jews."
3. Konstantin Burmistrov (Moscow), "Sources of V. Soloviev's 'Kabbalah'."
4. Dmitry Eliashevitch (St. Petersburg), "The Language Question in the Jewish Press and Censorship (1850-1900)."

5. Michael Grinberg (Israel), "Judaism and Orthodox Christianity: Attempts at Dialogue."
6. Vyacheslav Ivanov (Moscow), "The 'Habima' Theater: New Archival Sources."
7. Rashid Kaplanov (Moscow), "The West European Sephardim and Russia in the 18th Century."
8. Leonid Katsis (Moscow), "Judaistic Imagery in the Russian Avantgarde: Russian and Jewish Painters."
9. Grigory Kazovsky (Israel), "The Painters of the Kiev Cultural League and the Russian Avantgarde."
10. John Klier (England), "From 'Little Man' to 'Milkman': How Truly Does Jewish Fiction in Eastern Europe Reflect Reality?"
11. Alexander Lokshin (Moscow), "The Acquaintance in Absentia: 18th Century Russian Press and the Jews."
12. Dmitry Segal (Israel), "Russian-Jewish Literature and Russian-German Cultural Contacts."
13. Alexander Stepansky (Moscow), "History of the Russian-Jewish Intelligentsia."
14. Elena Tolstaya (Israel), "Akim Volynsky's Theology of Jewry."
15. Michael Weisskopf (Israel), "Images of Jews in Russian Romanticism."
16. Rozalina Ryvkina (Moscow), "The New Situation of the Jews in Contemporary Russia."
17. Konstantin Dolgov (Moscow) - Philosophy
18. Asar Eppel (Moscow) - Literature
19. Michael Gasparov (Moscow) - Literature
20. Victor Kelner (St. Petersburg) - History
21. Vladimir Khazan (Israel) - Literature
22. Alexander Kobrinsky (St. Petersburg) - Literature
23. Abraham Reitblat (Moscow) - History
24. Roman Timenchik (Israel) - Literature
25. Tatyana Tsivyan (Moscow) - Literature
26. Vladimir Toporov (Moscow) - Literature