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To: Academic Advisory Committee,
Soviet Archival Project

One of the main items on the agenda of our meeting on December 13th will be the curriculum of the Jewish Studies program at MGIAI.

Enclosed you will find information on MGIAI's academic calendar, an outline of the Institute's program of historical studies, and a draft Jewish studies curriculum. Professor Basovskaya, MGIAI's Vice-Rector of Study, felt that it was extremely desirable for the program in Jewish history to be coordinated with the sequence of required courses in general and Russian history. I thought this was an excellent suggestion, and constructed the draft curriculum on that basis.

Please review the enclosed materials, and bring your comments and suggestions to the meeting on December 13.

Sincerely,

David E. Fishman
Project Director

MGIAI ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall

Sept. 1 Classes begin*

late Dec. Classes end.

January Exam period

(NOTE: exams can also be given at end of semester)

[2 week Intersession]

Spring

Feb. 7 Classes begin

May 23 Classes end.

June Exam period

(NOTE: exams can also be given at end of semester)

*NOTE: During month of September, freshmen are sent to work in kolkhoz. In any case, they are settling in. Prof. Basovskaya recommends that in 1991 Jewish Studies courses should begin in October.

PROGRAM OF HISTORICAL STUDIES AT MGIAI

	<u>General</u>	<u>Russian</u>
<u>Year I.</u>		
Fall	Ancient Hist (4 hrs)	Med. Russian (6 hours)
Spring	Medieval (4 hrs)	Early Czarist, to 1861 (6 hr.)
<u>Year II.</u>		
Fall	Modern: 1600-1870	Russia: 1861-1917
Spring	Modern: 1870-1914	(full year)
<u>Year III.</u>		
Fall	World History 1914-today	Soviet History 1917-today
Spring	(full year)	(full year)

JEWISH STUDIES PARALLEL CURRICULUM (Draft)Year I.

- Fall Elementary Yiddish
 Eastern Europe I
 Ancient Jewish History
- Spring Yiddish (continued by Genadi Estraykh, Moscow)
- Summer: Intermediate Yiddish
 Medieval Jewish History

Year II.

- Fall Advanced Yiddish
 Eastern Europe II
 Modern Jewish History
- Spring Yiddish readings (continued by Genadi Estraykh)
- Summer Elementary Hebrew
 Bible overview

Year III.

- Fall Intermediate Hebrew
 Eastern Europe III
 Contemporary Jewish history (inc. America & Israel)
- Spring Hebrew (continued by Moscow-based people)
- Summer Advanced Hebrew
 Rabbinic literature overview

Year IV - in US

- Fall Advanced Hebrew
 Text course: Bible or Talmud or Literature
 Thematic course: History or Philosophy
 Jewish Bibliography and reference tools
- Spring Practicum in Jewish manuscripts and archives
 Text course: Bible or Talmud
 Thematic Course: History or Philosophy
 Elective in Eastern Europe, Yiddish lit. or Hebrew lit.
- Summer Practicum in Jewish archives, manuscripts,
 Artifacts, art

- Year V All year Practicum

STUDY PLAN IN A MODEL YEAR

Semester - 12-13 weeks

1. Language (Hebrew or Yiddish) - 6 hrs/week
2. Eastern Europe - 4 hrs/week
3. Other History, Jewish studies - 2 hrs/week

Summer - 4 weeks

1. Language - 12 hours/week
2. Other History, Jewish Studies - 6 hrs/week

Example - Language: Mon-Thurs 9-12 A.M.

- History: Tues-Thurs 2-4 P.M.