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I became interested in Jewish history in 1997 at the History Department of the Kaliningrad University. Due to the recommendation by the late Prof. Rashid Kaplanov, I was accepted as a graduate student at Moscow State. Throughout my years of study, I was fortunate to participate in many Sefer programs and activities. I met many wonderful people, many of whom have become my colleagues and friends. In one of the schools I met my future wife, and now we have two children.

Sefer enabled me to gain an understanding of Jewish history and the place of Jews in world civilization, something which for me was at first so vague, then step by step acquiring a distinct shape, creating a united picture, which, however - and this is quite natural - is still very far from complete.