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I learned about Sefer in 2006 when I was a postgraduate student and met Prof. Rashid Kaplanov. At that time, I was writing my thesis on conspiratorial myths and conspiracy theories at Tomsk State University. In January 2007, I first attended a Sefer winter school near Moscow where I met many leading academics in the field of Jewish studies. Since that time, I have been a regular participant at Sefer's activities: summer and winter schools, conferences for young people and academics, and the Eshnav program in Israel. These activities expanded my horizons, enabled me to take a more critical attitude to the problems studied and made it possible for me to discuss current issues in the field of Jewish studies with young scholars like myself. As for Eshnav, the program provided me with a precious opportunity of meeting leading world scholars in the field of anti-Semitism and gave me access to a unique treasury of literature unrivaled elsewhere in the world.