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Sefer's School on wheels made a tremendous impression on me, igniting my own interest in the study of Jewish folklore as an academic pursuit.

To me, out of all of Sefer's programs, Eshnav made the greatest impact, acquainting me with Israel (a dream of mine), unique specialists in the field, the possibility of researching at Jerusalem , archives at Haifa University, and much more.

The opportunity to teach at Sefer schools have been instrumental; many of the courses that I am currently teaching were first introduced in Sefer summer and winter schools.