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Sefer means a lot to me - the most important landmarks of my professional and private life are connected with it. I gave my first lecture in the summer of 2005 during the Moscow Judaic school. My first experience of a conference participant was also gained during Youth and "adult" conferences held annually by Sefer. My first acquaintance with Israel happened because of my participation in the "Eshnav" program, and even my first trip to the town where I spent the first years of my life (Ekaterinburg) happened because of my participation in the "Student's lecture program".

All Sefer's programs keep their value and currency no matter how many times you participate in them: the lectures in the format of mini-course gives you more possibilities for creativity, innovation and deeper studies than the standard university program. Also the knowledge, skills, scientific and research materials, work and human contacts made during participations in conferences and other Sefer projects will stay with me for the rest of my life.