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Sent: Tuesday, November 17, 2009 11:08
To: 'Rabbi Daniel Freitag'
Subject: RE: [Fwd: FW: ATLANTA SCHOLARS KOLLEL]

Thank you, Rabbi for the response. Although disappointed, I completely understand.

Shalom,

Steven

From: Rabbi Daniel Freitag [mailto:RabbiDan@AtlantaKollel.org]
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2009 3:42 PM
To: sdreece@gmail.com
Subject: [Fwd: FW: ATLANTA SCHOLARS KOLLEL]

Hi,

I got your question about the institute. Our general policy with the institute is that since we have limited space and this program is very full, we need to reserve the space for the Jews who apply.

Thanks for your interest!

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From: Steven D. Reece [mailto:sdreece@gmail.com]
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Subject: ATLANTA SCHOLARS KOLLEL

Greetings,

I am currently learning to read Hebrew at the Kollel Institute on Sunday evenings. Today while looking for further study opportunities with Kollel, I discovered the 3 year study program at the Kollel Institute and was wondering about enrolling in this study course.

I am not Jewish, but I am interested in learning more about Judaism having worked with the Jewish Community in Warsaw, Poland by performing a mitzvah through renovating and cleaning Jewish Cemeteries in the Warsaw area since 2004. I have worked extensively with the Rabbinical Committee for Preservation of Jewish Cemeteries in Poland primarily with Alex Wasowicz (blackgabriel0@yahoo.com), who was directly responsible for the 1,200 or so Jewish Cemeteries remaining in Poland following the Shoah.

We returned one year ago to the US after living in Poland for nearly twelve years in order to care for my wife's aging parents and assist our children launch and establish their lives. I would

like to continue this mitzvah from this side of the Atlantic. Alex has taught me a great deal about the importance of the Jewish Cemetery and the unique role it plays in post-Shoah Poland. Even though Alex is no longer working directly with the Rabbinical Committee, he is willing to help me in whatever way to continue this mitzvah. However, I feel that I need to be better prepared and learn more about Judaism, this specific mitzvah and its basis in the Torah. To this end, I would like to enroll in this course. If it would be better to begin after the first of the year, I will understand.

Shalom,
Steven

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