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**EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS**

For The Following Qualification:–

*B.A.*

**Hebrew & Jew. Studs. B48: History of the Jews in the Soviet Union**

**COURSE CODE : HEBRB048**

**UNIT VALUE : 1.00**

**DATE : 11-MAY-05**

**TIME : 14.30**

**TIME ALLOWED : 3 Hours**

## **HEBR B48: HISTORY OF THE JEWS IN THE SOVIET UNION**

Attempt FOUR of the following questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Analyse the most significant forms of Jewish political activity in the pre-revolutionary Russian Empire.
2. How and why were the Bolsheviks in power forced to modify their assumptions about the Jews that were based on Marxist ideology?
3. For the period between 1917 and 1939, discuss the accuracy of the claim that the Bolshevik Revolution was "good for the Jew and bad for the Jews."
4. What was the impact of Communism in the Soviet Union on religion in general, and Judaism in particular?
5. What were the attitudes of the Communist Party leadership towards Antisemitism in the period between 1918 and 1941?
6. What does the Jewish role in Soviet art and literature reveal about the process of Jewish acculturation in Eastern Europe?
7. Many Jews were victims of Stalin's "Great Terror" in the 1930s. Was there a Jewish angle to the Stalinist Purges?
8. What role did the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee play in the Great Patriotic War?
9. To what extent did the Soviet leadership recognise the concept of the Holocaust of Soviet Jewry between 1941 and 1953?
10. Analyse the explanations that have been given for the intense Antisemitism that characterised late Stalinism.
11. Explain the change in Soviet attitudes towards the state of Israel in the period 1947-1953.

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12. Survey the origins of the Jewish national movement in the Soviet Union, with special attention to its relationship with the broader Democratic Movement.
13. What role did the "Refuseniks" play in Soviet foreign relations with the United States?
14. Identify the major characteristics of Antisemitism in the Soviet Union between 1964 and 1980.
15. Assess the fate of "Jewish culture" (which you should define) in the Soviet Union.

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