Questions, week 12 (US)

1. (Rubinstein) Why were Jews more prominent among economic elites in less developed countries? Is development correlated with geography?

2. (Rubinstein) Does the correlation between anti-Semitism and the prominence of Jewish elites imply causation?

3. (Rubinstein) Are English-speaking countries different?

4. (Rubinstein) Why are "chosen" groups and members of Diasporas good entrepreneurs? (p. 22) How do Jews fit into this theory?

5. (Supple) Were the Jewish bankers of New York German or Russian Jews?

6. (Supple) How did they become so rich and prominent? Discuss the interaction of economic and social activities?

7. (Supple) What was their relation to poorer Jews? Compare Elon's view of Jews in Germany.

8. (Temin) How were Jews defined in this paper? Compare Elon's procedures in Germany.

9. (Temin) Why are Jews more prominent among the richest than in business?

10. (Temin) What is the role of the probability models in this paper?