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Professor David Roskies
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Dear Professor Roskies:

It was with great excitement that I read Richard Bernstein's NY Times review of your book **A Bridge of Longing: The Lost Art of Yiddish Storytelling**. I say this for two reasons. First, it seems that the **Books of the Times** section would devote such a long review to only the most deserving. Second, the book was on Yiddish literature!

My first thought after reading the review was, "Would he come to New Jersey to give a talk?" About nine months ago I proposed to our local library's auxiliary Friends of the Fair Lawn Library that we offer a *Celebrating Yiddish* program in honor of the donation of Shalom Aleichem's works in Yiddish to our foreign language collection. We were astounded to have a SRO attendance, turning away over 100 people. A return performance will be slated for mid-September for those who were turned away. The program involves songs and poetry in Yiddish by professional performers residing in town.

We realize that programs of Yiddish content would be greatly appreciated. (Our *Celebrating Yiddish* program brought people from NYC as well as Bergen County including our Russian immigrant community).

We would like to offer additional programs of Yiddish content and would like to know if you would be interested? Do you make community presentations? Do you charge a speaker's fee?

Looking forward to your reply,

I remain,

Sincerely,



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