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Prof. David Roskies  
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Dear David,

I'm working on Jewish Montreal now for an essay on Bercovitch. I have even dug up your essay "Hebrew in America: The Making of a Modern Yiddish Utopia." I have not been able to get a hold of the Ira Robinson volume, however, in which your talk was published (supposedly). The talk is a bit too allusive for me. I am still not entirely clear about the Yiddish school system. What does it mean when you write that the "first graduating class of the Folkschule graduated in 1940" - how old were these kids, what had they learned, etc? At Widener I couldn't find many of your sources; it's a real mess. So finally I said, to hell with it -

So, ten minutes ago I decided to come to New York and do a formal interview with you (as with many of my "subjects"), if you agree! (?). I wanted to do that anyway; so why not now?

Coordinating a number of schedules, I came up with February 6 (that's a Thursday). I would come in on the afternoon of Feb. 5 and attend Burt Visotzky's "Genesis Seminar" in the evening; stay overnight with a friend on the Upper Westside, and then show up at JTS on Thursday any time you want. I hope very much that you'd come in on Thursdays.

Please tell me if that agrees with you. If not we would have to find a time that's better for you. I very much look forward to talking with you at greater length. I am now reading your stuff with avidity and am quite engrossed.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best,  
Susanne