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Dear David,

This year will mark the fifth yahrzeit of Joseph (Yosl) Mlotek z"l. His work and words still live in our memories and inspire us all to continue with our heylige arbet of perpetuating the Yiddish language and culture as a living, vibrant culture.

In memory of Yosl, the Mlotek family is going to organize an event on September 26, 2005 at the Center for Jewish History in Manhattan in honor of his legacy. The preliminary plans for the event include a symposium and a concert. In addition, the Mlotek family will bestow the first of what will be an annual award endowed by the Mlotek family foundation, for that person or persons who have made an important contribution to the perpetuation of our language and culture. Perhaps this award can inspire others to continue with this work and continue to enhance the legacy of Yosl as the keeper of our flame.

At this first annual event, the Mlotek family would like to give out a book honoring the life and achievements of Yosl. We will include some of his poems and articles, and we would very much like you to help us with a short story about your relationship with Yosl and what he meant to you personally and to our culture. Yosl always spoke of you and you were an important part of his life, so we know that you would have an interesting and important chapter for us to include in our tribute to him. We don't believe that this needs to be long, and anything you provide will be valuable. Personal stories and anecdotes would be most appreciated as this is also an opportunity for the family to learn how much he meant to you and to others. This can be written in either English or Yiddish.

We are hoping that you will quickly write us back with accepting this task. Our goal is to receive all papers from you and your peers whom we have also asked, by August 15, so that we have time to translate (if necessary) and bind for a fall event. Earlier would be better.

Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Mark Mlotek & The Mlotek Family

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P.S. I called ^{and emailed} you and would like to speak with you. Call me at your convenience.

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