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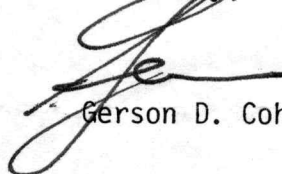
Dr. David Roskies  
3080 Broadway  
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Roskies:

Thank you for your letter of August 22nd recommending Nili Gold. Frankly, I do not even know in what area she is applying. However, I will bring her to the attention of the following people and circulate her resume among them: Dean Ivan Marcus, Dean Ismar Schorsch, Dean Neil Gillman and Professor Avraham Holtz. I am not aware of an opening in Literature or Language here but I would urge you to speak to them and they can turn to me at a future Deans' Committee meeting if they feel we need her. In any event, thank you for recommending this brilliant teacher to me.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,



Gerson D. Cohen

August 22, 1978

Dear Dr. Cohen,

Nili Gold has informed me that she is applying to the Seminary for work, and though I am not aware of any openings either in the department of Hebrew language or in ours, I hasten to recommend her to you.

Mrs. Gold is the best student I have had occasion to teach in the past three years. She took two courses with me in 1975/6, undeterred by the difficult English readings. Unlike most Israelis (if you will permit me to say so), she was receptive to new critical methods and I can still vividly recall her classroom presentation on the most sophisticated writer we studied that semester, David Bergelson.

I cannot be totally impartial in my evaluation, since we have subsequently become good friends. I do know that she succeeded as a teacher at the Flatbush Yeshiva, involving the students with works not only by Bialik and Agnon, but also by the contemporary poet Natan Zach -- no mean feat in a class of 15 year-olds! I would therefore urge you to keep her application on file and to consider her whenever a job becomes available.

Sincerely,

David G. Roskies