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Dear David,

Last summer a group of approximately twenty-five scholars and writers conducted a seminar in Jerusalem on the subject of "Uses and Abuses of the Holocaust". It was decided ~~at that~~ meeting to convene a somewhat larger group of people from Israel and abroad, representing different scholarly and cultural approaches to the Holocaust - historical, psychological, sociological, philosophical and literary. Enclosed please find an explanatory note and a tentative schedule for the sessions, which will be held on March 22-24 this year. We hope within a relatively short period to publish a book in which the main chapters will be taken from the proceedings of this conference.

We would like to invite you to participate in the conference and to deliver a paper in the session dedicated to the "Cultural Resonances" (Jewish literature - espe. Yiddish).

We realize that this gives you very little advance notice, but our plans have taken final shape only in recent weeks. We do hope that you will find time to join us in what we believe is an urgent and most important enterprise. All travel expenses will be taken care of by The Van Leer Jerusalem Foundation and other institutions.

We hope to have your -positive- response soon.

Yours,

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