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Dear David,

Yes, now I am so high in the academic hierarchy that I do not know whether I should continue my e-mail exchange with a simple professor from New York City who cannot even imagine what 'habilitacja' is. But due to my democratic spirit and tolerance of those who do not hold such important titles I decided that you are allowed to address me by my first name but a diminutive, well... This would be going too far!

Yes, I feel habilitated and dilapidated as well. Therefore I am going to undergo a rehabilitation during my summer holidays. I do not know exactly how, but I hope I will. Maybe some renovation at our apartment will restore my vital forces.

What about Shana's job? Did she get a new position?

Professor Shmeruk did not

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get drunk,

actually he had only a symbolic sip of vodka and stayed with mineral water because he is not allowed to drink any alcohol and generally he is on a strict diet. But he is extremely active devoting a lot of time to Jacob Frank's work, among others. A translation of Satan in Goray that I did in cooperation with him has just come out. For him my kolokwium habilitacyjny was also a new experience and he called it an 'unnecessary torture'.

Tomorrow we are going to Garbow, a little town not too far away because Marcinek got interested in knights and claims that he is a descendant of a famous medieval knight Zawisza Czarny (Black Zawisza, described in detail by Sienkiewicz) who came from Garbow. That is why he wants to visit the place which he considers his estate. He is even thinking of moving there in the nearest future and insists on wearing black. So we serve him as well as we can. Jacek on the other hand is most interested in cows and trains and you never know whether he will wake up as the former or the latter.

Lots of love and have a beautiful shabes,

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