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Dear Alvin,

I have no way of knowing what my teaching schedule will be next year, but for a conference of this nature one carves out the necessary time. I would be honored to give a brief response to the papers on November 5 -- provided I receive them early enough to formulate an adequate response.

Thanks for the encouraging feed back. Yes, the essay on the pogrom poem is part of a larger study on responses to catastrophe in east European Jewish culture which Harvard University Press has agreed to publish. Clearly this is a subject whose time has come.

Could you arrange with Indiana University Press to send us a review copy of your book for PROOFTEXTS? We promise a review either in the first or second issue. Do you have anything you'd want to submit?

Promise me one thing: that in the hullabaloo of the November conference, we can take off a few hours to walk and catch up on life, literature and love. Come to think of it, we'll both be in Ohio too, but that doesn't count...

Yours truly,

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