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Dr. David Roskies
Jewish Theological Seminary of America
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Dear Dr. Roskies:

Your name has been chosen as one of the top Judaic scholars in America today. We would like to invite you to join us in Philadelphia, Sunday, May 19-Tuesday, May 21, 1985, for a special seminar entitled "Making It New: American Jewish Poets Confront Traditional Texts." The participants will be six leading poets and six scholars in the field of Jewish texts. We plan to include the most dynamic and profound teachers in the areas of Bible, Midrash, Jewish mysticism and modern Hebrew poetry. The plan is to put together great teachers, great poets and great texts and see what emerges.

The seminar will be private--limited, to the poets and scholars we have chosen. In addition, there will be two public programs during the three-day period. At the beginning, on Sunday afternoon, we will hold a poetry reading at the YMHA in downtown Philadelphia. At the close, on Tuesday evening, we will invite the public to share what you have been doing. We envision this as an evening of readings and extemporaneous commentary by poets and scholars--sharing traditional texts and modern poems.

The Pennsylvania Humanities Council has supported this program. Through the generosity of the Council we will be able to offer each scholar \$350.00 plus expenses for the three-day seminar.

Enclosed you will find a list of the poets who have accepted our invitation, with the names of the selection/planning committee. Please feel free to be in touch with me with further questions. I look forward to hearing from you within the next week with your acceptance. I then look forward to welcoming you to the College and sharing a provocative and mutually enriching time in the study of texts.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer
Director, Kaplan Institute for
Adult Jewish Studies

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P.S. Please enclose with your acceptance letter a brief biography and photograph suitable for publicity purposes. Thanks.