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Dear Dr. Zvereva:

Thank you so much for your invitation to deliver six lectures in English on Jewish literature in the context of general culture. After giving the matter some thought, I've decided on the following six topics:

1. **Autobiography: In Search of the Self** Feb 24
2. **Hasidism: In Search of the Soul** Mar 3
3. **Storytelling: In Search of the Folk** Mar 10
4. **Catastrophe: In Search of the Covenant** Mar 17
5. **Modernism: In Search of the City** Mar 24
6. **Zion: In Search of the Promised Land** Mar 31 - till 6:30

As my area of specialization is modern Jewish literature, the main thrust of my lectures will be the interplay between Jewish and general culture since the end of the eighteenth century. But in each lectures I shall try to provide some background on ancient and medieval Jewish culture as well. It is my hope that these broad, synoptic topics will familiarize your students with some of the basic concepts of Jewish literary culture.

Let us meet soon to decide on dates.

Sincerely,