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dissertations, that is why usually the whole procedure takes more time. The same with my post doctoral dissertation: the whole process will take several more months and then another half a year for my habilitacja to be accepted (or not) by a special committee. It is a pity that the Polish academic structure is under the influence of Austrian-German and not Anglo-American tradition. Chris is grateful to you for your help and suggestions about including Bakhtin theories.

Jacus is still very interested in all kinds of boom booms and he sleeps with them instead of teddy bears. Last night he must have had some nightmares about boom booms not working properly because he shouted in the middle of the night "Boom boom bloken".

Last Saturday Chris and I went to a meeting with Amos Oz at Kazimierz. It was very interesting, I asked him about his attitude toward Yiddish language and literature and he signed a copy of his book for me in Hebrew. I have to read some more of his works. What do you think of his writing?

I read your article from the book on Holocaust and I would be very grateful for the copies of some other chapters, especially those

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