

Please forgive all the typographical errors; I do not have Olga with me this Sabbath.

Dear Simon:

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So, you're off on one of your continuous trips to Israel. Well, perhaps you can help locate one of the many lost documents of my past. In 1938 I wrote a biographical sketch of Trotsky for what was then Palestine but it was for the Jewish Encyclopaedia. It would not have been signed but if it is for that year in the Encyclopaedia, it is mine, and I would recognize my style. I have had several scholars volunteer to search for it, but they were unsuccessful to find such an encyclopaedia and I do not recall precise name. I used to have many friends there--and recently also corresponded with Jofee's wife, but she is so tired--how she ever survived Stalin's labor camps I'll never know; when I heard she finally landed in Israel, it definitely sounded like some one reborn from the dead; and she sounded friendly and warm, but you could see why she wouldn't wish to correspond on anything political, so I dropped the whole matter. By now there is only one scholar I correspond with and I sent him the Rosa Luxemburg book because he was very interested and, as the author of what is the most scholarly biography of Trotsky who had referred to my views, I felt he should get it. His name and how to reach him if you should wish to transmit my regards (and perhaps he could be helpful in your project) is: Professor Baruch Knei-Paz
Dep. of Political Science,
Hebrew University of Jerusalem

No doubt you remember when I was to have had lunch with you and Huett. Huett alone showed up while you were galivanting somewhere abroad. He, of course, has been a good friend for many a year.

Good luck on your project for the Colloquium of the History and Philosophy of Science in Israel. Ever since Israel's invasion of Lebanon there has been so wide a gulf between me and the Israeli friends, though they are part of the Peace on the one hand and the Jewish Remembrance on the other, that I have not been able to find any of the documents I need in available nowhere else.

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