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**From:** Vladimír Matouš [matous.vladimir@tiscali.cz]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 25, 2008 2:50 AM  
**To:** baderfa@execpc.com  
**Subject:** your visit  
**Attachments:** Na zdraví Alfreda a Isabely Bader !!!.JPG; Roses for Isabel.JPG

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*Dear Isabel, dear Alfred,*

*Welcome to Milwaukee again. I hope your European journey was OK and you have returned home safely and satisfied.*

*Concerning your stay in the Czech Republic me and Edie we tried to do our best for your satisfaction as usually. Your visit here is always an extraordinary event for us and we both very appreciate your friendship. But I am sorry you had to suffer with my very bad*



*English. I am also sorry for J. Kosar  
behaviour.*

*My dear friends I wish you to be healthy  
and happy among your relatives, friends and  
paintings!*

*With love*

*Vladimir*

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November 17, 2008

Dr. Alfred Bader  
2961 North Shepard Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53211

Dear Dr. Bader:

The PEN-International 2008 Summer Leadership Institute at Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex, England was yet another resounding success...as was the 2006 Institute! Your gift was very helpful in allowing us to bring US students to the Institute.

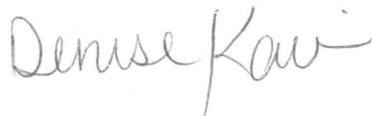
Included in this packet you will find a photo book with participant testimonials and a large group photo of all those who attended the 2008 Summer Leadership Institute. Generous support from you, Isabel, and Dan helped make the Institute possible.

We have an Institute website and have posted documents, photos, student journals, and other supporting materials. Please feel free to visit the site:

<http://www.pen.ntid.rit.edu/events/exchanges/2008/summer-institute/>

If you would like more information regarding this Institute, we may be reached at: (585) 475-6319.

Thank you again,



Denise Kavin, Ed.D.  
Coordinator, Summer Leadership Institute PEN-International

Cc: Dr. James DeCaro, Director, PEN-International

Jan 31 '10

Dear Alfred and dear Isobel,

It has been just a couple of months since your visit to Ottawa and we had the privilege of meeting with you, in the home of Marion, and then, as a double-pay-off, in shul on shabbat. I had every intention of replying to you promptly, - please excuse the delay.

Your enclosed copy of letter, from back in 1941 was of high interest, especially for Sophie, who remarked of him of being in Hitler's style. He was a rough individual, and best forgotten. Thank you again.

Are you in touch with any former class-mates, besides Kurt Rothchild? There are not that many left. Here in town there are Dr. Sidney Kronick, the Shore twins, Dr. Max Vechter and Akiva Kriger, whom I had re-introduced to you in shul, and of course Helen Zivian, who unfortunately lost her husband recently.

I have been subscribing to a rare paper, the Jewish Political Chronicle, it is 40-60 pages of "wisdom", rare articles from around the world, by the best of Jewish scholars. and it is for intellectuals, strictly. In case you are interested, I am enclosing their address. No, - I am not "selling" you on it, - just in case.

Here we have finally received the Canadian winter, with night-time temps. of  $-20^{\circ}$  to  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ , it is the type of winter that probably visits with you, before it even strikes here. Hope you get spared, or possibly spend some of your winter in the South.

With best regards from Poppie, - Keep well, love each other and let us stay in touch.

In friendship,

Bert.



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**From:** Alison J. Armstrong [alison@alisonjarmstrong.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 14, 2010 8:09 PM  
**To:** Alfred Bader Fine Arts  
**Subject:** documentary

Dear Alfred,

CBC informed me that "Love Interrupted" will be airing again tonight (for the third time) on the the main network.

Also, my distributor has sold it to Switzerland and to Israel where it is expected to air soon.

I trust you and Isabel are in good spirits. Please let me know how you are keeping. Sean sends both of you his best.

All good wishes,

Alison



Dear Alfred and Isabel

I do hope you both are brave as always.

What can I do for you? This idea comes to my mind quite often. Paintings? No. Chemicals? Not anymore. Jewish culture items? Yes! The last is the most probable! I knew that Jewish culture is ancient, but thought that it was focused in the Middle East region mainly. Recently I learnt that Jewish settlements appeared in Eastern Europe far before the Russian ancestors come there.

Unfortunately, this point – who is more “ancient” on this or that territory, is a source of inter-national collisions in the past and in our times as well. I’m far away from these speculations, because a simple question leads such debaters to a standstill: “Do a black person born in center of Kiev or Moscow, when become adult, has more or less civil rights than the rest population?” If a reply is “less” – I’m stopping talking with my opponent. If “yes”, the subject of argue become meaningless. However everyday practice shows that this ancient (if not animal’s) subject is still actual. Such bitter conclusion!

Your generation – is a generation of my parents, who gave me many anti-Nazi lessons. The Soviet Union education system made the great contribution as well. So, me, myself can’t complain on my international creed. What a great surprise for me when I realized that more than a half (my personal estimation) people of my age in Ukraine don’t mind on the neo-Nazi wave come up in the country. They use anti-Russian phraseology, some of them are really hate not only Russians, but the population of Crimea and Donbass as well. I do not take into account the generation of people younger than 30 years. After the Soviet Union collapse they were told, who is the main enemy of Ukraine since their childhood. I can understand such mood of people in the Western part of Ukraine. But I cannot explain the anti-Russian sentiments among the people of my generation in the rest Ukrainian territory.

Of course, the wind comes in from TV-propaganda, broadcasting, internet, newspapers. They are kind of mirrors intended to reflect the reality. Unfortunately, experience shows that these mirrors (both Ukrainian’s and Russian’s, both European’s and American’s) – all these mirrors are the mirrors taken from a laughing room. All of them distort reality. All of them are engaged in propaganda and, to a greater or lesser extent, are sowing hatred among nations and peoples. The question is why most people give in to this malign influence?

The sharp example comes from the Russia-24 TV. After the Turkish plane shoot down Russian aircraft over Syria and Erdogan behaved in the most inappropriate way, I did not expect that the Russian media would fall to the anti-Turkish rhetoric. It would be no reproach if it would be Anti-Erdogan attack, but why anti-Turkish? More than three million Russians had rest on Turkish resorts annually. I visited Turkey several times, visited several labs, know several very good Turkish people for almost 20 years. It was even more surprising for me when this anti-Turkish rhetoric has picked up plenty of common Russians in social networks. These moods reminds me the described pogroms of the German stores took place more than a hundred years ago, at the beginning of the



First World War in St. Petersburg and other Russian cities. Unfortunately, history does not teach people.

The situation is even worse in the Ukrainian mass-media. In the meantime, the state power shows its complete impotency, when small group of radicals, so called "activists", once decided to blow electrical supports which feeds Crimea. The supports blow, but Ukrainian government is unable to cope these "activists" who continue protect the blown supports. This is only one example taken from the chain of governmental impotence. At the same time practice shows that the new Ukrainian government is even more corrupted and more aggressive than the previous one. They are not able to CREATE something, they are able to RUIN only.

Ok, I think it is enough for the negative points. Let's come back to the book. This year I visited the Crimea for five times. Last Autumn I met with my best school friend Kostya, who is deputy director of Livadian palace, where Stalin, Churchill and Roosevelt met at the beginning of February 1945. This book presented to Kostya by the author. I looked it though and found that it contains quite comprehensive historical facts about Jewish ancient culture, their contribution to the culture of Crimea and the entire Russian culture. It contains the facts of Holocaust during Second World War as well as the contribution of Jews into the Great Victory.

Kostya is not a fan of such books, so he gave it to me when I told him that it will be a good present to your couple. So, I think it will be interesting for both of you.

Sound health for both of you! Thank you for your friendship! Thank you for being!

Sincerely yours remain,

Andy

Kiev 11-Dec-2015.

