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Dear Lillian,

I would be delighted to discuss the "drug question" with the students at Yeshiva.

It is becoming evident that the large scale educational programs in younger and younger grades are now beginning to report that they stimulate exploration by students, and rather than reduce the incidence of drug testing, tend to increase it. Anecdotally, this tendency is encouraged by the use of former drug addicts who tend to glamorize their earlier life. I would be glad to meet with your students and would try to focus on what we know about drugs themselves, but concluding that the issue is not the pharmacology of the drugs and their dangers, but rather the social issues of why we encourage our favorite drugs (alcohol and nicotine) and discourage some.

I shall be away a good part of January, but am quite free in February. Call me at home any evening, or at Stony Brook during the day (444-2447, area code 516).

My best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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