Irene and Abbey,

Thank you so much for inviting me to your home after Monday night's screening. The conversation was lively and tangential, and I really enjoyed the company.

Thank you also for your gifted copy of the memoir, which I will read in the coming weeks. I taught on the subject of the Holocaust last year, and if I do again, I would like to introduce students to your work. I was so impressed by the palpable restraint of Dark Lullabies — a tactic I don't see much of in films on the same subject.

An Israeli documentary entitled "The Flat" offers an interesting take on the effects of the silence of the second generation on the third generation of Holocaust survivors; and the film offers real nuance to the concept that uncovering the past may lead us closer to our own people. If you haven't seen it it's well worth watching.

Your kind invitation was so appreciated, as was your warm hospitality. I hope we will meet again soon.

Best,
Jamie Anne Read