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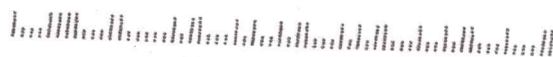


GREETINGS
FROM
Far Far Away



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Dear David,

"And a Litvak is a person with passions, too" (!)!

— Thank you, belatedly (the pressures of HOD, plus a deadline), for the issue of 78d-876-7710 — wherein Amazing Family Dynamics, together with the Prayer for the Tsar, improbably yet inevitably meet! (Your witty prose both triggers and then defuses explosions.)

Perhaps you can decipher a thread of memory: one small knot. A pharmaceutical knot. Is the Matz family also somehow connected with the great Ex-Lax Empire? Of which the (minor) politician Roy Gorkman is the scion?

Also: 158680 787102 10 — hinting that the imp you harbor turned up early.

The illustrations boggle: the beautiful Fredl, the Russian-Hebrew malgor, DINE with Alexander's (unknow) name!

— And behind, above, within, all of it: "The Marina Roshcha Synagogue in Moscow was burned down by vandals, and the library went with it." The Tsar; the Bolsheviks;

2) the Germans; and the letters on the page survive (though so many of their readers did not). What a woven history you tell. And what powers you have, having descended from Fradl! (Not to mention the Vilna Gaon.)

I look forward to all the other chapters of The Last Yiddish Novel — printed and bound, with photographs, and nothing cut out, especially not pages 391 to 394. Where else can we learn of Resorts and Tourism in Poland (Warsaw 1935)?

Love and hooray,
G. Thine