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Dear David, Shana and Aryeh,

We hope that this short missive finds you all well. We wanted to communicate a few things to you now and hope to catch you when we return from Israel on the 25th with last-minute additions and recommendations.

First, to answer your questions. We do not have a pediatrician, but we took out membership in the American Medical Center which provides us with American care, medicines and laboratories. There are no pediatricians on staff, but they give a referral in emergent

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situations and take you to the best Russian clinic, specialist, etc. possible. It is priced in dollars at almost-New York rates!

We haven't found a library, but then again we haven't been looking. We suggest that you bring a few titles to start with and then explore when you get here. It is entirely possible that the school will have a library that Aryeh can use. We can rent videos at several places, the closest being our preferred dollar store about 15 minutes by foot from here. They have a decent selection and decent rates. We have several Disney movies here already which have provided hours of entertainment and distraction.

As for pharmaceuticals and toiletries, bring everything that you would normally use at home. Most everything is available here (which was not the case just a few months ago), but at outrageous prices! Bring all medicines for all of you, adequate supplies of Tylenol/Advil, cold medicines, etc. Bring as much toilet paper and tissues as possible without going overboard as well as toothpastes, shampoo, deodorant, etc. Also, a can or two of Lysol will be helpful. It is very dry here, so take along lotion and ChapStick.

In terms of the kitchen, please call David directly. If he wants

to outfit the kitchen with milchigs and fleishigs, he can tell you what to bring. I will fax or e-mail him a list based on what we have now and what we will need for a "full" house. Certainly bring assorted dishes, cups, utensils and a hot pot for this current to keep in your room for tea, coffee or beverage/soup of choice.

We saw an ad for a new dry cleaner which claims that it is reliable, but we haven't tried it yet. We are about at the point that we have to....

Things to bring:

1. Sense of humor

2. Patience (giant size)

coffee, tea, instant soups, several boxes of your favorite breakfast cereal [corn flakes here run about \$4.50/box], good boots and galoshes, warm clothes, transformers/adapters for any electrical equipment, large bath towels, film, batteries, Amex or Visa card (if you have a PIN number for your card, there's an ATM available).

More and more becomes available here by the day, especially if you don't mind paying a premium.

Since the third floor rooms in which you will be living and the third floor kitchen in which we will be eating are all being rebuilt at this time, it's hard to provide details about such matters. When we return on the 25th, we'll zap additional info. to David and Rebecca at once.

If nothing else, it will be a memorable experience....

Helise, Yale & Nitzan

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