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Needless to say, things have been hectic. This morning we all slept in. Shana and Aryeh just made it to school in time and I was 15 minutes late for my first lecture. Our METRO station was closed for repairs, my colleague forgot his pass, the price for a subway ticket had doubled overnight, there was a long queue for tokens, etc. Our rooms won't be ready for a while but our temporary quarters (Aryeh & I in one room, Shana across the corridor) are more than adequate. Aryeh is having the time of his life. No sooner did he arrive in school yesterday than they had ice skating! He's already made 2 friends named Daniel and knows his way around the school building and the first five floors of our building. Here he has the Reiser's little girl named Nitzan to play with ... plus a VCR! Our first cooked meal by our Russian cook was quite, quite good. Today Shana & Helise Reiser went to the market and bought some fruits & vegies. All-in-all, we feel as if we were in a

» Г'дъ со!! where everyone speaks English until such time as they learn the local dialect. The amount of English creeping into spoken Russian is simply staggering. "know-how," for one. All their computer programs are in English. But the physical plant is terribly, terribly run down. Jack would have apoplexy. Everything's falling apart: new buildings, old buildings, the METRO, you-name-it. The wierdiest mixture of incipient capitalism and decaying Stalinism. Today we saw people selling their "vouchers" — the 10,000 ruble shares that everyone got for free but no one quite knows what to do with. You can buy 'em up from people in the subway.

I started teaching this morning and will be over my head in work. It's a good thing I didn't bring any other work along, except for that lecture in May 19th.

Aryeh is what's making this trip terrific. It's a joy to watch him take to this new environment.

Please call the Novicks — or simply FAX them this FAX at Emunah Women: 483-3624.

David