

February 23, '90

Dear David,

Whenever I send a letter to you, I get a letter from you next day which means that the mail works very fast (who cares whether the letter was dated two days or two months earlier). On Tuesday I mailed a letter to you and on Wednesday (Feb 21) I received the package with the cheerful gift and the sad news.

We are very disappointed that you cannot come but, of course, we understand your situation. From one of our first conversations I remember that you planned to come to Poland for the first time accompanied by Aryeh, so maybe it's written in the stars that you'll come when he's a bit older. I am sure a family visit to Israel will be a wonderful experience. Is it going to

be Aryeh's first flight?

Thank you ever so much for the little piece of New York. You are a very creative gift-giver. I can start showing off already because spring has arrived already. ^{I had style} We have had no winter whatsoever this year.

You must have already received my two letters and postcard. I'm sending this letter through my friend Adam Janiszewski. He's working at our department and although he's writing his dissertation on American drama, he's very interested in Jewish culture. Among other things, he translated several of Malamud's stories. He's a very nice fellow and maybe he'll get in touch with you if he's not too shy. It would give you a chance to have the first-hand information from ~~the~~ ^{the} revolutionary

Eastern Europe. He's going to study at
N.Y. University for several months.

Yes, I received Proofs a long time ago
and I'm sure I thanked you for it.

Maybe one of my letters got lost.

As to offprints I have just received
them now. There were some problems

because the publishers didn't send
them directly to me but to my old
New York address. Robert Clark

kindly forwarded them to me

but they travelled more than 3
months. I'm sending you one offprint

which is of course a symbolic gesture.

Thank you so much again for all
your help and inspiration.

I'm also sending you a copy of the
review I wrote in the fall. It will
be published in Res Publica in No. 6

(June issue, but it may come out even

Two months later, publishes (now enormous
problems today: free market in a stagnant
economy). However, I'm very happy they
accepted it because it's one of the
best journals in Poland. They receive it
at 4100 so you may even see it published
earlier than me (assuming I'll be in
Canada in summer). Now the main
issue in Poland is reunification of Germany.
Most people feel threatened by this
idea, memories of war are still so
fresh in Poland. Rationally, I want to
believe that history doesn't repeat
itself but subconsciously I'm quite
suspicious and worried. Feelings
like trust don't make much sense
in politics. At the same time I'm
working on my Yiddish novel that
I have ever worked on anything.

Love to you, Shane and
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