

January 31, 1995

Dear Shano and David,

I hope you got your Chamukleah letter. I wanted very much to get in touch again with Kuti Noy - I had been planning a letter for years - but when I finally wrote it (a few letters in installments in fact) I found out that we do not have her 'new' address so I addressed it the way you see hoping that the American efficiency will help me. But it came back, so I dare to push off the problem onto you (I translated literally a Polish idiom) - can you pass the letter to Kuti? if you lost touch as well, just leave it, maybe one day somebody will help you.

We are fine, except for my frustration at being stuck? at home (imprisoned in fact) by the boys' endless colds (but in a way I like the days at home with them - I do not feel isolated because our home still is a place where many people come - it's just that my projects - even such modest ones as writing a letter - do not move ahead a bit). The precious time after they go to sleep is more and more ruined by Daniel - he just refuses to go to sleep in any other position than half-lying on me. Whenever I move he wakes up and refuses to be put to bed, or climbs out and follows me half-asleep all over the apartment. By the time it's over I have no energy left, especially because they frolic like puppies for an hour before bedtime, that is before I manage to catch them and throw them in the bath-tub.

During his latest cold, Gabriel with my significant help built a new - on our - big castle from different Lego sets, with a moat and defense walls, and an army of knights. I became so involved that I worked on it after he

went to sleep. Please pass the salute from G's knights to Angh Leib.

The period of the Auschwitz anniversary was very frustrating - for me, though it is Stancik who was inside it, constantly interviewed (also appeared on TV), contacting people, etc. There are very many bad things to be said about conditions personages on both sides. The news who got offended by whom each day completely overshadowed the heart of the matter for an average TV viewer, until perhaps the last day or two when all the ceremonies were broadly reported. As for Avi Weiss, who managed to get as much attention as we wanted, I can only say that he destroys what has been painstakingly done here by both Jews and non-Jews - in one night, he erases out the results of years of reconciliation. His talk about defending the honor of ~~the~~ Jews is utmost hypocrisy - what a heroism to do it on a (Polish) few days' trip from America, in front of all those cameras. He also assumes that if Polish Jews disagree with him it is only out of fear. But he also behaves like somebody who spoils an anthill and ~~leaves~~ leaving others inside. Will anybody ever stop (Joes away) him before he provokes real trouble? Though the losses he has done so far cannot be repaired anyway.

I am now going to a week's art/meditation/psychology workshop with Gabriel - I am a bit afraid of it because there'll be many kids and a handful of grown-ups, not too good organizers as I can see so far. I hoped to rest totally from this Polish-Jewish chaos but things developed otherwise - I am to bring cassettes with classic music, teach them Hebrew calligraphy, and we'll have Shabbat together (some kind of it). And I've started making Pevin puppets from the rolls from disposable towels. How are you? With love

Moshe