

Jan 28, 1992

Dear Fochs,

Hi! Well first of all, I have been camping around this birthday card for the longest time - no stamp, & with the post office closed in the afternoon hrs & those being my only time to free, I've been taking this card with me everywhere - now, I decided I might as well enclose a letter & completely fill you in.

Today is Sunday morning & I'm at the Horovitzs - Tori's out - & I slept till 11:30!!!! Can you imagine?! That's the latest I've slept since America - all my tiredness came through in one shot. It's very good tho, now I feel excellent & I'm doubly happy because there is no class today - or all week - because tomorrow 6:00 a.m. we are going to Sinai!!!!

I've really missed Tzulin this year, being them so much, & this one is a 4-day trip to Sinai with the best guide (madrich) in the country - he's the one who took us on all the crazy great Tzulin last year, & altho I went to Sinai last year & had a fantastic time, it wasn't with Dov Begun, so this one is bound to be really good, there spending 4 days in Sinai - 3 nights: one in Abu-Rodes where they have all the oil wells, etc. One in Santa-Caterina which is a monastery COMPLETELY isolated way up on some mountain, & that night we're gonna get up at

3:00 A.M. & hike up to the top of some sites with which according to Bedouin tradition is Har Sinai & then will watch the sunrise, & dawn. The third night will be spending in Harm-el-Sheikh which will be beautiful on the beach & then Thursday we return back to Jerusalem. It should be really fantastic & I'm looking forward. This year I won't forget my camera (last year it broke)

I just had a real long talk with Ari (Tavi's 17 year old brother) & we got talking about Tzizulin & all the different adventures he's had, & his dad (& really parents had many - its kinda blah going on an organized tizul with 50 other kids). He's gone by himself with one or two other friends to such great places & they did such great things. Elli, especially, has gone to the most fantastic places - he used to go by himself to these isolated BEAUTIFUL places & spend days by himself hiking around & climbing. Ari just told me that Elli used to take 2 pistols (he was in the army) & he would go up to the Ablan - there its most beautiful but very dangerous. Now I have to ask him - he never told me any of this

So anyway, we have to go shopping for food (tuna fish for 4 days) etc & I have to get hold of a

sleeping bag & a knapsack. Tell ya man when I get back!

Nothing much new has happened recently. I've been working - & by the way, since my last letter I feel 1700% ~~for~~ better. Just one of those blue days I guess.

Yes! I just heard about the back-fire in Viet-Nam. I hope I didn't understand the news - but from what I THINK they said, it would seem that the Viet-Cong broke the cease-fire, they attacked 136 times & are laughing at the American. I'd wait till 8:30 (1/2 hr.) to hear the Eng. news to verify, but it's so disappointing & so disheartening. So disheartening. I guess we just have to each work on his own personal self, & pray that people will gain some degree of understanding & conception of the ~~who~~ world, of what's going on, & then thru this generality - & wide range looking & understanding all this violence & killing, all these horrendous games will stop. It's so disappointing.

High. So how's everything then? Dad, how is your diet, smoking? How are the plans going for you guys to come Rosh Hashana time? ? Hmm? How's Stan & Jan? Bryan? He know it's the FUNNIEST thing about that letter didn't I tell you? I wrote



it - all 20 pages a masterpiece - & on the way to mail it, I lost it!! Apparently, someone found it & put a stamp on it & mailed it - isn't that fantastic? And it was heavy enough to take 2 or maybe 3 overseas stamps - isn't that nice? Only in Israel. So that accounts, I guess for the beat up envelope etc. Who knows when I left it in some gutter or something - until someone found it - wow. So tell him I deserve an answer, & not to be like me, but sooner than 7 months.

What did you do on your birthday Ma? Have a nice time? How's Henry?? How are the Gibbats - Suzi & Gary? Linda & Ronnie?

What's the weather there? ● Here it's the cruelest year they've had in a long time. No rain, & all the crops are dying, & it's a FREEZING cold - very bad. And it's shmita year, which is the 7th year during which you're not supposed to grow & sell crops (long to explain - I'll do it later), & vegetables are VERY expensive, & I hate to buy from the Arabs.

Well nothing more to say, really, I'll write more after this week - have a nice week - & COME FOR RASH HASHTAVA * Love
Dad

*that my new campaign - in case you couldn't tell
P.S. Nordotto send regards.

Write back soon - I want to have a whole lot of mail when I get back from Israel.

Send back my love to everyone & tell them I'll see you soon - Dad