


Sample Responses from Soviet Jews
to Passover Greeting Cards, 1970



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КАРТОЧКА ПОЧТОВАЯ

Dear Mrs Hanellin,
 my best congratulations to you
 and your family on the
 Independence Day - the greatest
 day of all Jews throughout
 the world.

Yours Truly,
 Roitman

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Dear Jerry:

I am happy to inform you that my husband and I are already in Israel. It is impossible to convey to you our state of mind, but I simply must tell you how happy we were on Passover to receive in Moscow the large number of greetings from our American friends. It was a real gift which lifted us up, and, perhaps, even helped us to leave! Perhaps it prodded certain people there to understand that we were not alone, that we were remembered, that there were people thinking about us.

Jerry dear, you know that many of our friends have remained behind in Moscow. Remember that each awaits such greetings that they can have deeper faith that they have friends in America, that they are receiving attention, that they are remembered on holidays! On our postcard was drawn a Jewish family seated at the table, and a vacant chair stood by. We have already filled that vacant chair, but now it is the turn of our friends who are so longingly waiting for their happy day!

Jerry dear, do all that you can so that our Russian friends will feel the attention and friendship from American Jews! These little cards say more than words: you can't express in words the eloquence of these gifts!

I wish you happiness, dear Jerry, and I express my confidence that you and your friends know what must be done in order to help our poor friends in Russia to reach their historical homeland.

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We kiss you,
 Lyuba and Nikolai