

April 1, 1946

Dear Sumner:

It was a happy week-end in that, first, I found Mother on Friday to be in a cheerful frame of mind; second, in that on Saturday morning, when I arrived at the hospital, I learned that Dr. Sachs had already been there and Mother was wearing the pinpoint glasses; and third, in that Sunday morning he told her that she could go to Aunt Sarah's to convalesce. Then Uncle Archie came in and the four of us sat down and talked most informally. Sachs made it clear that the first operation had held very well and that indications pointed that the second operation was holding well and that in time Mother would have "a good eye". Naturally we are happy but we are not building our hopes so high that should the result be otherwise, God forbid, we would be terribly let down. Let me put it this way: May the prognosis prove to be correct. It will be wonderful when in due course of time we know definitely that Mother will have regained her sight in the left eye. God grant that it be so!

I was a bit disappointed not to have heard from you Sunday morning over the 'phone. I had expected your call and evidently you were unable to reach us. Certainly it is not that your heart is not with us here. We know how you feel; but there is something in keeping in close communication and Sunday was the day I had looked forward to talking with you. I would, therefore, suggest that you call Mother at Aunt Sarah's.

This morning I found both your letters of the 26th and 27th and it certainly does look as though you would be out soon. I can understand that you are living in a state of excitement and that you can make no definite plans for Passover or for anything else. Let's keep our fingers crossed and let's hope that soon the toll operator will tell me that "Mr. Bernstein" is calling from Virginia.

I have come back to find a terribly hectic day ahead of me and so I will close now because I am anxious that you should get this letter at once.

Affectionately,

P. S.

Aunt Selma came through the operation very well and she is on the way to recovery.