

Mr. Cohen asks you to request Papa to purchase for him from Mr. Gray owner of 2nd & Chestnut Sts two copies of "Sketches of Philadelphia, Pa. etc." one of Quarts & the other of Quarts first & send by first vessel.

Savannah Tuesday morning December 10th 1839

I thank you with all my heart, dear Aunt Becky, for my Sabbath's treat, your sweet "picture of home," which brought all my loved ones before me in the mellancholy tints that affection throws and separation more than sanctions, tho' I do not require that "enchantment which distance lends" to make it ever acceptable. Let me thank you over and over in my husband's and my own name for the kindly feelings you express towards him. I too rejoice, my dear Aunt, that it was in his power to pay even so short a visit to my Parents' home, for, as you say, it is delightful to see those we love live each other, altho' I do not exactly agree with the girls and their favorite Poet, who carries the feeling so far as to hate the one who lives not his friend, yet entire sympathy is certainly the firmest cement in both friendships & love. I have the same anxiety that you express, that Julia & my husband should be acquainted with each other. I always wished him to know both Julia & Laura, for they were my only friends that he had not seen. There seems ever to have been a spell against ^{our} seeing Julia, and I fear Uncle Ben, for, he seems to have chosen just the intermediate time between our visits but we must take care to arrange it better the next time.

I have been delighting myself in bright anticipations
for our dear Gratz, what a rich treat is awaiting him
the sight of so many distinguished men & the fairest
opportunity of advancing in his profession, and then he
will enjoy it all the more from its being so unexpected.

When I think of dear Mary - my tide of feeling is turned
& I look forward through the long, weary hours of her
husband's absence to the happy meeting & the pleasure
she will have in store for the Spring - when she will
have so much to hear of all the wonders of the Old World.
From the enthusiastic lips of the Young Traveller, I am
glad that Mary has determined on spending another
Month with Papa & Becky for they will indeed miss her
& her sweet boy sadly whenever they do leave them -
I regret exceedingly to hear that Mr Nathan has again
been unfortunate, but trust he will rise again - Tell
Becky that she must give me the first news of the election
in New York & if she has not time to write, immediately
to forward a New paper. - I suppose by this time dear
Horace has reached home, give him a kiss of welcome
for me, & tell him to write & give an account of all that
he has seen this summer, & of what he is to be engaged
in this winter. And so the things are indeed going
to move, & another of the family to inhabit Locust St.
I hope they may enjoy better health in their new house
than in the one they are about to leave. Do let me

take some hints from you. I suppose you are quite busy
 now with the Hebrew Society as it is about the time of
 the Annual meeting - & I hope you will send me the
 Report by the 1st of March. I am sorry to hear that Uncle
 is still an Invalid, give our love to him & tell him
 that he had better not postpone his visit until
 the Spring but come now & enjoy the bright sunshine.

M. G. Cohen
 1839



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due to my dear Father & all his dear
 Mother & a wife the sweet little baby
 here to Uncle Sam's care, to Aunt Mary
 & her family all & for yourself dearest
 Aunt the sweet devotion of your affectionate
 grandchild yours with me (I mean) -
 in love to you & all.

[Handwritten signature in red ink]

Give my love to dear George & tell her that Mr. Gardner delivered
 her letter immediately on his arrival at the Hebrew Office
 who called for him so that evening & brought him home to take
 tea with us, he was all quite pleased with him, he seems
 to be very intelligent & to have travelled a good deal. I was
 especially disappointed in him, upon a further acquaintance
 & hope he will determine on settling here - Give my