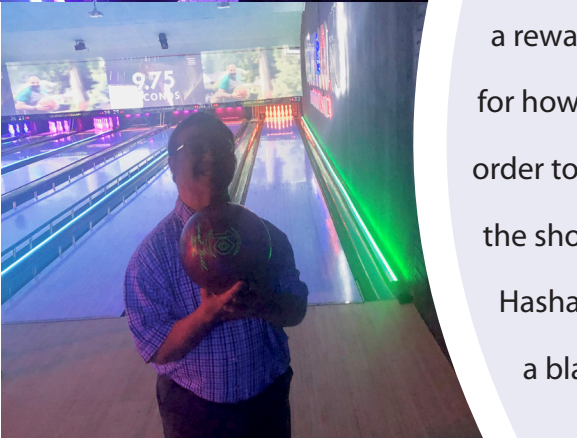




פרשת נצבים-וילך
September 27, 2024

This week in review!

The Chevra enjoyed a nice trip to the Shofar workshop! Since Rosh Hashanah is around the corner the Chevra went to make our very own shofars from scratch at the Chabad of the Upper East Side of Manhattan. We were also given lessons on how to blow it. **Rabbi Fried** first started by explaining to us that a shofar can be used from any kosher animal with horns except from a cow's horn. He also mentioned that the kosher animals have spilt feet and the only non-kosher animal that has spilt feet is the pig, which of course is not kosher. We happen to use a ram's horn. In order to make it a usable shofar we learned that there can't be any leaks or holes in it besides the top and bottom. The Shofar is then cleaned out by placing it in boiling water. Afterwards, we thread a wire through the horn, cut the tip of the horn off and drilled a small hole through the top for the mouth piece. We were truly amazed about the process on a how a shofar is made. We finally had the chance to blow the shofar that we just made ourselves! Hearing the familiar sound coming from the shofar after all the work that was done making it was a rewarding experience. Rabbi Fried also reviewed with us the many customs for how to blow the shofar and how to position our mouth on the mouthpiece in order to generate the loud sound when we blow into it. The group really enjoyed the shofar workshop with Rabbi Fried. We are certain that when at shul on Rosh Hashanah, the guys experience will be enhanced because of this class. We all had a blast!





On Wednesday the Chevra went on our annual apple picking trip. This year we decided to change things up and visit a different farm. The farm that we went to is called Von Thun's Country Farms in North Brunswick NJ, where we hand-picked apples for Rosh Hashanah. The farm and the apple picking turned out to be very nice! Upon arriving at the farm, there was a nice picnic area. We sat down and ate our lunch that we packed with us prior to leaving. After our filling lunch, we each got our own apple bag and headed out to the apple fields at the farm and hand-picked our own juicy delicious apples. There were so many choices of different kinds of apples to choose from. It ranged from rows of yellow, multi-color, Macintosh, Gala, Golden Delicious and more. Our biggest problem was deciding which variety of apples to fill our bags with! As it is every year it was amazing to see all the rows of apple trees that seem to never end. Some of us literally picked an apple right off from the tree, made a Bracha and ate it all up (don't worry of course we asked permission and it was granted). The apples were delicious! Even though we can buy apples at our local grocery there is nothing like a crispy freshly picked apple right off the tree. To top it all off, the weather was nice which added to this festive Rosh Hashanah trip.

Back at the Chevra, we continued to go about our fun filled week of activities. We took on a special project, to help out an organization called Dovi's Playhouse. The Chevra as a team all helped to stuff, stamp and put labels on hundreds of envelopes. Because of our amazing group effort, the team worked hard to get it all completed in a timely manner. A few of our very own Chevra participants, **Lipa & Evan** took the lead as project managers and did a fabulous job with it. Thank you Lipa, Evan and to all the Chevra participants for a great job!

We continue our baking class with **Anat**. During our weekly baking



activity, we baked chocolate chip carrot muffins! Yum! First, we started out by peeling many carrots and then with all of the ingredients together, mixed them all up. Each of the guys had a chance with the scooper, to scoop out the muffin batter into the trays. When it came out of the oven, we really enjoyed how delicious they tasted. We also had extra muffins, so we brought them along as a snack on our apple picking trip.

Here at the Chevra we had an amazing art workshop! Each of the guys decorated their own honey dish that they made with **Fayge** from scratch. First, we were each given our own leaf that we imprinted into a special piece of clay that we shaped. After, we pushed the leaf down onto the clay and it left an impression of the leaf on it. We then pushed into the clay a special place for the honey to go into. After some additional touch ups, we decorated the honey dish and it came out looking really nice. Some of the Chevra guys were ready to pour the honey into their dish right away! Thank you Fayge for another one of your creative ideas! I hope that everyone will enjoy using their honey dish on Rosh Hashanah.

We wish **Shmuel Zakon** a Refuah Shleimah and we are all looking forward to seeing Shmuel back at the Chevra very soon!

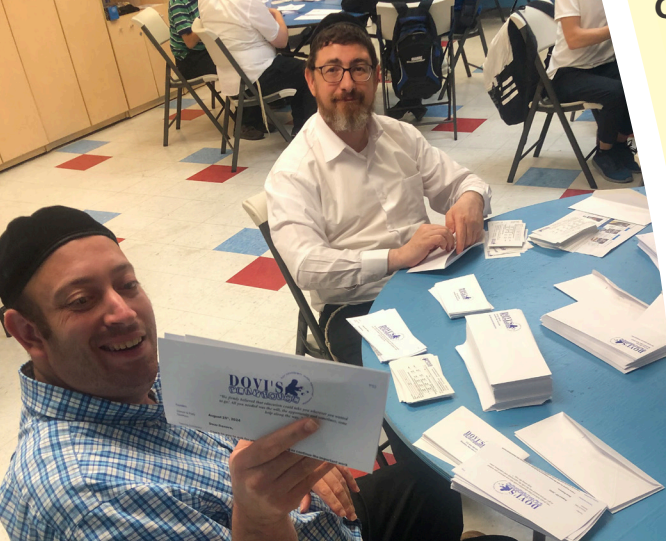
Have a great Shabbos and a K'siva V'chasima Tova!

Mr. Kerper

As we continue until there is peace in Eretz Yisroel and all of the hostages are returned, the Chevra keeps up with saying Tehillim every day. We will continue to daven for the safety and well-being of the Israeli army and for all of Klal Yisroel as we hope for a quick resolution to the current challenges.

A Vort by Rabbi Gross...

Moshe Rabeinu warns the Yidden not to copy the ways of the Goyim by way of analogy, "Avoid being a root that is growing bitter like gall



and wormwood". Only bitter Tzoros can come from such a person. If we look at the first Ois of the words of the analogy above, we see: Shin, Pei, Reish, which forms the word Shofar! The lesson is, when we hear the Shofar, we will be aroused to do Teshuva and that will lead to not copying the ways of the nations.

Gut Shabbos & Gut Y'ur,

Rabbi Gross

A few jokes for you...

Q. What do you call a kite that doesn't fly outside the Eruv on Shabbos?

A Yiddish-kite!

Q. What do you say to the Baal Tokaah when he is doing a good job?

A. "Sho-Far So Good!"

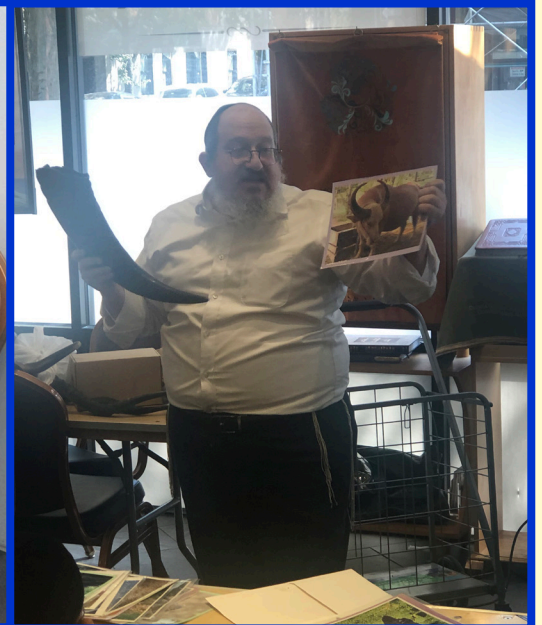
Q. Did you hear about the Shabbos Shofar?

A. It blows itself!

Quick quote: Humpty Dumpty had a great Fall. Summer wasn't too bad, either.



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