

פרשת נח

November 1, 2024

This week in review!

We hope everyone had a rewarding and meaningful Yom- Tov and are glad to see everyone back! We did not waste any time as we went right back into our busy schedule here at the Chevra.

To briefly rewind, right before Yom Kippur the Chevra took a special trip to be Mispalel at the Lubavitcher Rebbe's Ohel in Queens NY. When we arrived at the Ohel, the guys had a chance to write on a piece of paper their own personal Tefilah request. For some of the guys, staff assisted with helping to write it. When we were ready, we all walked down the path at the cemetery to the Rebbe's Ohel. It was crowded at the time that we went but we all managed to find a place to stand and daven.

When we were in the area where the Rebbe was buried, the guys felt a sense of awe as it was quiet in the room while they heard the many people around them davening or saying Tehillim. After the guys said

Tehillim or their own personal Tefilah's, each of the guys put their paper that they wrote in the pile of papers, next to where the Rebbe is buried. We then went back inside to wash our hands and take some pictures. After, we headed on over to the park for a nice picnic lunch followed by a game of basketball.

Overall, the Chevra's visit to the Lubavitcher Rebbe's Ohel was very inspiring and it was a nice thing to do right before Yom Kippur!

As if that wasn't already an actioned packed day the guys took a trip to Caeser's Bay, right on the side of the Belt Parkway and were able to say Tashlich. They

brought along some bread crumbs to throw in the water. **Nachum** discussed with the group that since we are hoping to get rid of any Aveira's that we might





have done throughout the previous year; we also symbolically throw bread crumbs into the flowing water to get rid of our sins. Let's all hope that any Aveira's that anyone may have had from last year, are gone.

We hope that everyone enjoyed the beautiful Sukkah lantern decoration that each of the guys made at the Chevra with **Fayge!** At first, the guys decorated their jars with different colors. After it was all dried and ready, the next step was to put the special lights inside of the jar. After it was completed, all the guys tried it out. They turned off the lights in the Chevra room and the whole room lit up! The decoration came out looking very nice. The guys could not wait to bring it home and to hang up in their Sukkah's as a decoration!

The Chevra got right back into action as we prepared for Parshas Noach by taking our annual trip to the Bronx Zoo! Of course, we started out our trip by packing up a delicious picnic lunch. When we arrived at the zoo, we found a nice quiet area that we took advantage of for an enjoyable lunch. Shortly afterwards, we took out our map of the zoo and began our adventure by heading straight for the tigers since it was close by. As we got up-close to the tigers, one of them was sleeping all the way in the back but when it woke up, it came right towards us in our direction. Through the glass we heard it making interesting sounds while facing some of our Chevra guys. We thought that the tiger was trying to ask for food, so **Tzvi & Shamshon** tried throwing some of their leftover crumbs over the glass towards it but the tiger didn't seem to have much interest in the crumbs. A few of the Chevra guys were heard saying amongst each other that it's probably trying to tell us all that we should do Teshuva. Who knows?! We then moved on and had a chance to see many different kinds of animals that Hashem created in our world. As we walked around, we saw bison's, giraffes, rhinoceros, leopards, bears, sea lions and many more. We couldn't help but think how two pairs of non- kosher animals and seven pairs of kosher animals fit into the Tevah.



Hudy, Simcha, Evan and Yidi were convinced that this had to be nothing short of a miracle. We also had no idea how the elephants fit into the Tevah as well. As we were walking around the zoo, the Chevra were discussing how it's almost impossible that Noach fed all the animals and even more, having to feed them all and not even sleep during the whole Mabel. The only explanation that we came up with again was that it was all a big miracle; otherwise it could not have been possible. The walk around the zoo, with the crisp fall air upon us was really nice as this put our mindset to be ready for this week's Parsha. Recently, after the Chevra finished eating lunch, **Chaim Gans** was given the floor and he prepared a beautiful D'var Torah in honor of his mother's Yahrzeit. Additionally, Chaim also learned with **Nacham R** some Mishnayos in honor of his mother's Yahrzeit. May Chaim's mother's Neshama have an Aliyah!

We would like to welcome our newest staff member **Eli Solis** to the Chevra, who came on board as a new counselor. Welcome Eli and we are looking forward to working together with you!

Have a great Shabbos and a Chodesh Tov!

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.

Parshas Noach:

There is a nice thought given over by **Rabbi Rebbi Elimelech Biderman** in his Torah Wellsprings series. It says in the Parsha "and Noach found Chen in Hashems eyes". He relates, that it wasn't because of Noach's good deeds that he and his family were spared rather it was because "he found Chen in Hashems eyes". The Torah didn't



reveal what Mitzvah Noach did to be rewarded with Chen. One reason for this is because if Hashem would reveal the rewards for each Mitzvah then people would only do the Mitzvos with the highest rewards and abandon the smaller ones. In any event we see how important it is to find favor in Hashem's eyes for this was the very reason he and his entire family were spared! Even though we don't know which exact Mitzvah gets you Chen it is written in the Chareidim that one who does not get angry gets Chen. Someone who is always calm and pleasant finds favor in Hashem's eyes. It is also written in Gemarah Pesachim that Hashem loves people who don't get angry. So, it's important to think back on why Noach was saved and to try and acquire the same Chen that Hashem found in Noach for ourselves. One way to do this is to never get angry.

A few jokes for you...

Q. What do you call a wet bear?

A. A drizzly bear!

Q. Where is the best place to grow flowers in a school?

A. In kinder-garden!

Q. What do you need to be careful about when it rains cats and dogs?

A. Not to step in a poodle!

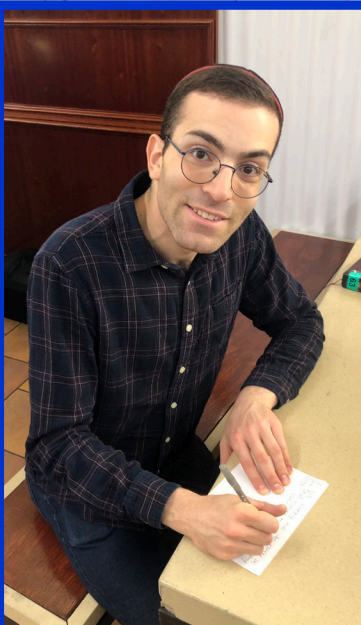
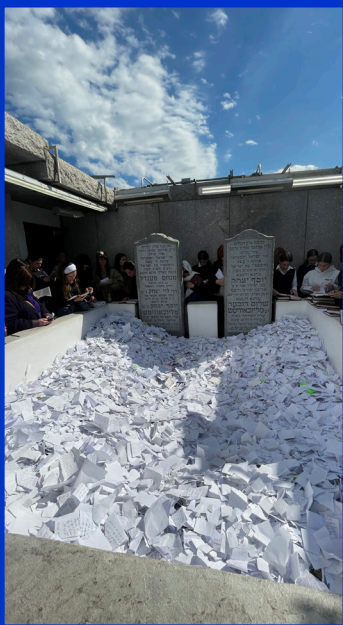
Quick quote: Everyone wants to be the sun to brighten up someone's life, but why not be the moon, to shine on someone's darkest hour.



Noah's Answering Machine



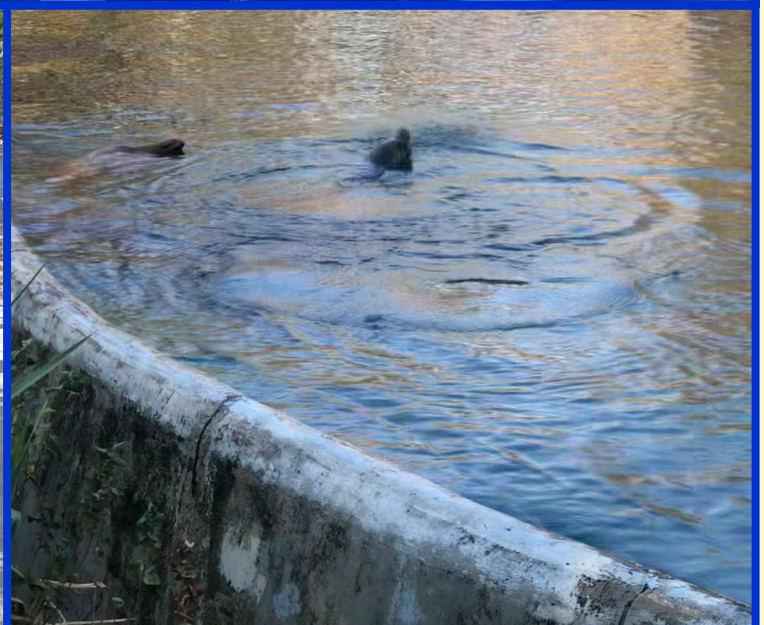
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