

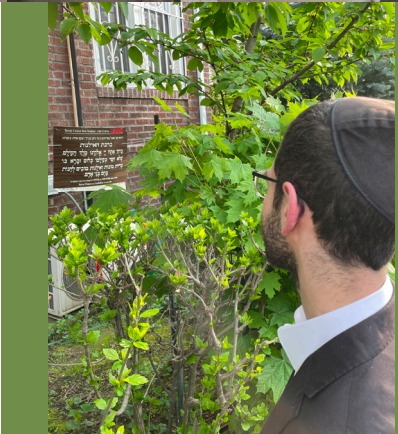
פרשת קדושים
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This week in review!

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Pesach! It's so nice to see everyone back smiling and in good spirits! After a long break the Chevra got right back into the thick of things by kicking it off with a trip to the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens. This time of the year is especially beautiful because all the trees were blossoming in full swing. We enjoyed seeing all the different types of flowers and plants as well as discussing all the vibrant colors. The cherry blossoms, roses and tulips were big hits and were so nice to look at! We all agreed just how beautiful Hashem's world is that we live in. Afterwards we enjoyed a nice picnic lunch. To top it all off the weather was perfect, sunny with a nice breeze!

Speaking of great weather, the Chevra went on a mission to find a fruit tree so that they could participate in the Mitzvah of Birchas Hailanos. With the many trees that have started sprouting it was not that hard of a task on finding one for all of us to make the Bracha on. Once the coordinates were relayed, we all met up and our staff **Nachum Rosenman** had the honor of leading us with the Bracha. Additionally, Nachum discussed with us all the reasons for this very important opportunity which we have in the month of Nissan. This was a nice and fun occasion!

It was reported that during this Chol Homoed Pesach, **Lipa & Evan** were both





at American Dream Mall for a Chol Hamoed trip and guess who they ran into at the mall? Our staff **Nachum R** and **Avi B!** Since they were so excited to see each other during the Pesach break, they took pictures and sent it to Hillel. Hillel told them that the pictures are definitely going in the next newsletter! Look out for those pictures. Here at the Chevra the guys are very excited to be adding a planting activity to our amazing art workshop with **Fayge!** Yes, that's correct, and we already started the preparation by going to Home Depot and picked out seeds and soil to begin with our planting adventure. We then all went outside and starting to plant the seeds in the soil. We will be maintaining and watering the plants. We are looking forward to seeing peppers, cucumbers and tomato's sprout before our eyes and hopefully when it's ripe and ready we will be able to eat our home-grown vegetables. Very exciting!

We also prepared a delicious meal in honor of Rosh Chodesh Iyar. First, we went on a shopping spree to Bingo to buy the items that were needed to put this meal together. We baked schnitzel, vegetable kugel, a spruced up Israeli salad and we also had a refreshing iced tea to top it all off. On the second day of Rosh Chodesh we baked a delicious potato kugel for us to have during our lunch. Everything tasted amazing!

A very happy birthday to **Chaim Gans** who celebrated his 50th birthday with the Chevra! Thank you to Chaim for sponsoring the delicious birthday cake and soda. Happy birthday to Chaim and many more, Ad Me'ah Ve'esrim Shanah!

Baseball game: On Tuesday May 14th the Chevra will be going to



Citi Field in Flushing Queens to see the NY Mets play against the Philadelphia Phillies. Some of the Chevra guys are already practicing their "Let's go Mets" chant. We are looking forward!

Special reminder: The Shabbaton is only two weeks away; please remember to send in all the paperwork and payment as per the paperwork sent, so a final count can be made. For those that have already sent it in, thank you. Please let me know if anyone would like to receive a hard copy of the paperwork as well. We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding Shabbos together!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

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 Thought on Parshas Kedoshim:

The Passuk tells us that a person must fear his father and his mother and then continues that he must keep Shabbos. Why are these 2 Mitzvahs mentioned together? To teach us that if a parent tells you to do Chillul Shabbos, don't obey. The first reason - children and their parents have is to honor Hashem and His commandments. Second reason - there is a view that it is better for a person not to have been created. Now that he is created, he should



search his ways. If so, a person could say, why should I honor my parents, if it would be better not to have been created. The answer is, if you keep the Torah and avoid aveiros, then it is better to be born.

[Source – Divrei Avroham – Rabbi Avroham Lieberman]

Enjoy Menuchas Shabbos.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Gross



A few jokes for you...

Q. What do you call a Jewish water bed?

A. The Dead Sea!



Q. Why is the teddy bear never hungry?

A. Because it is always stuffed!

Q. What did the sun say when it reappeared after the eclipse?

A. Pleased to heat you again!



Quick quote: February Can't March, But April May.

Chevra Visits Brooklyn Botanic Gardens!

