

פרשת שופטים

September 6, 2024

## This week in review!

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had an amazing summer. Last week our final Chevra members returned from camp to complete the Chevra as one unit. Everyone was so happy to see each other with smiles and high fives all around.

While most of the guys were away enjoying a wonderful time at camp, a few of us remained at the Chevra program and had a great time!

The group went on many trips, such as outings to the Queens Hall of Science, Queens's zoo, Museum of Natural History, Rockaway Ferry, Staten Island Zoo, Bronx Zoo, Dave & Busters, Chuck E. Cheese, Bowling, Fort Wadsworth in S.I, Miniature golf at American Dream Mall and a NY Mets baseball game. Wow! Did you catch all that? As you can see their summer was jam packed with lots of amazing fun trips.

This summer, **Rabbi Gross** continued learning with the Chevra group each day. The learning really enhanced our program for the guys (and staff) as they really enjoyed it. During the second part of the summer, Rabbi Gross's wife was in an accident and Rabbi Gross was unable to continue learning with the group. B'H our staff **Nachum Rosenman** continued learning with the guys during the summer since Rabbi Gross was unable to. Thank you Nachum! We are looking forward for the Chevra to continue their learning sessions with Rabbi Gross as soon as he can, and we wish Rabbi Gross's wife a speedy recovery.

A special thank you to **Rabbi & Mrs. Herz** for opening their home to our group on Friday's, upon hearing that Rabbi Gross was unable to learn with our guys during the summer month. Without hesitation, they opened their home to us and Rabbi Herz learned with our guys. Amazing! We also would like to thank Rabbi Herz for learning during the week with the Chevra after the guys came back from







camp, while Rabbi Gross is unable to learn with the group.

The learning really enhances our program for the Chevra guys as they really enjoy the learning. Thank you again to Rabbi & Mrs. Herz!

With everyone back at the program, our schedule is in full swing.

We already went back to karate. **Sensi Dennis** was very happy to see us back. He had us start a completely new list of exercises and karate moves. We are looking forward to the upcoming classes and build upon what we already have learned. We also went back to the Boro Park Y where some guys went swimming while others played basketball in the gym. The guys really enjoy going to the Y so they can move around and get in their exercise.

Additionally, we are back in the kitchen baking with **Anat** as well as going back to playing pool and to our volunteer sites. We are looking forward to going back to the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music on Monday's.

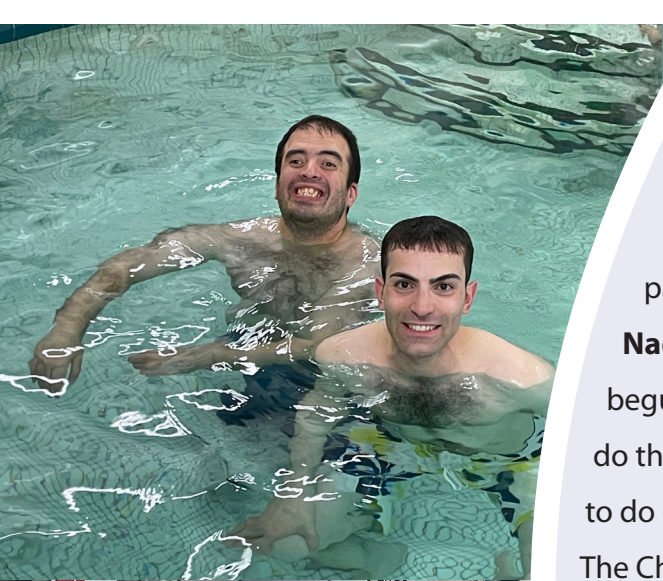
Our instructor **Jake** has a whole new array of songs that the Chevra is looking forward to drumming and singing along to.

The Chevra group went on an exciting bowling trip to bowl 360 lanes. Originally, we were planning to go to the Staten Island Zoo, but since it was ninety-four degrees last week, we quickly changed our outing to a place that had cool air conditioning. It was a good choice as everyone bowled and had a great time! Some of the guys also went upstairs at the bowling alley and played some arcades when they were finished bowling. It was nice for the Chevra to all be back together and enjoy the bowling trip.

The Chevra also went on a special Labor Day trip to the Rockaway Ferry. The weather was perfect! After we were all on the boat, some of the guys choose to stay inside the ferry while others choose to go upstairs and catch a nice breeze. The boat past many nice sceneries such as the Verrazano bridge, the Statue of Liberty and the beautiful Manhattan sky line. When the boat arrived in Manhattan we got off, walked around for a bit to get in our exercise and then we ate a quick lunch before heading back to Far Rockaway. The ferry trip was enjoyed by all!

The Chevra participated in the Otsar's mini day camps carnival. We first made signs for the booth that each of the guys were going to oversee





and then after hanging them up, the guys were by their booth and helped the mini day camp participants play the games.

After the games were played, the Chevra guys handed out tickets to the day camp participants. The Chevra guys really enjoyed being a part of the mini day camps carnival!

**Nachum R** started blowing the Shofar every day now that Elul has begun. The shofar was compliments the Herz family. Nachum is able to do the Shofar quite well, stirring all of us to become better and inspire us to do our best Teshuva before Rosh Hashana. Thank you Nachum!

The Chevra has some exciting news! I'm sure most remember that before the summer, the Chevra planted a few different kinds of vegetables in the backyard of our Otsar's Chevra building. We started the planting with Fayege during our art workshop before the summer. Well, with our continues of watering the vegetables, we now have our own tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers! The guys were so excited to see all the vegetables that were planted before the summer, come to fruition when they came back from camp and can actually use them in their salads. Very exciting!

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Hudy Herz** and **Nachum Appleman**. Thank you for sponsoring the delicious birthday cake. Happy birthday, Ad Me'ah v' Esrin Shanah!

### **Blast from the past...**

Before many of our individuals left for summer camp, the Chevra had an epic BBQ here at the Otsar Chevra location. We took out our two grills and all the ingredients necessary for an amazing lunch for all to enjoy and reminisced and shared good wishes with each other before everyone split up for camp. Look out for the collage pictures in the back! 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.*

### **Thoughts on Elul...**

I thought I would share a few points that I recently heard at a Shiur on Shabbos that was given by **Rabbi Moshe Meir Weiss**, in South Fallsburg NY. During the shiur he spoke about what we should strive for





and ask from Hashem during these days of Elul. He had two main points. The first was about the concept of us asking for a better year. We all ask for better Parnasah, better health, better Gezunt etc... But the Rav says when you ask that, Hashem says "ok sure but how are you going to be better?" The Rav suggested everyone write a "to do better list" whether it is working on your Shalom Bayis or making an effort to be Marva Sedra... The more you have and do on the list the better your chances of Hashem giving you a better year. You can even bring the list with you on Rosh Hashana and tell Hashem this is what I worked on and want to continue working on... Another point he mentioned was one of the best ways to ensure your own protection is to make yourself needed to as many people as possible. For example if you help people in the community constantly and are relied upon, Hashem says "this person is needed so I have to grant him life" in the same way if you help your kids in a way that no other can't, Hashem says the same thing, he is needed so I need protect him. So let's all make ourselves needed to as many people as possible this Elul and beyond and may we all be written in the books of life and Simcha.

Have a good Shabbos,

**Hillel**

### **A few jokes for you...**

**Q. Husband asked, how did the hamburger introduce his wife?**

A. He said Meat- Patty!

**Q: Why do bees have sticky hair?**

A: Because they use honeycombs!

**Q. How many ants are needed to fill an apartment?**

A. Tenants!

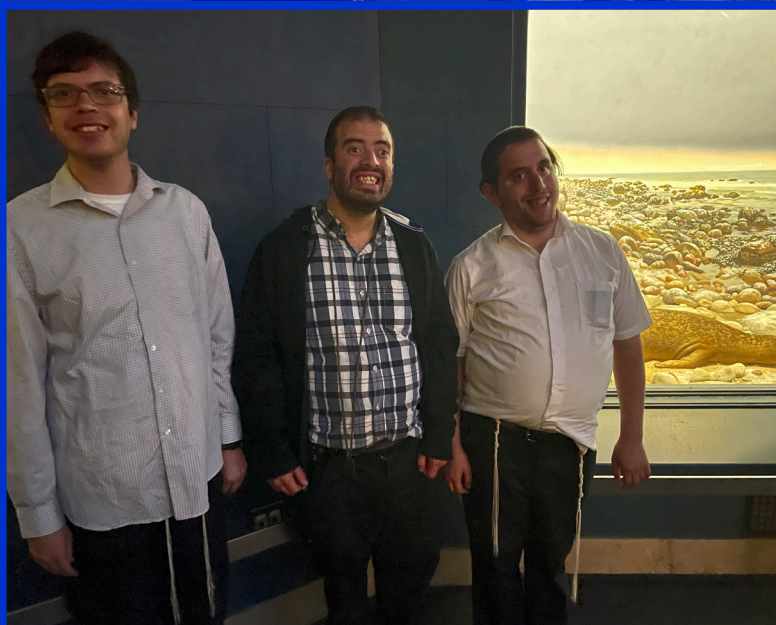
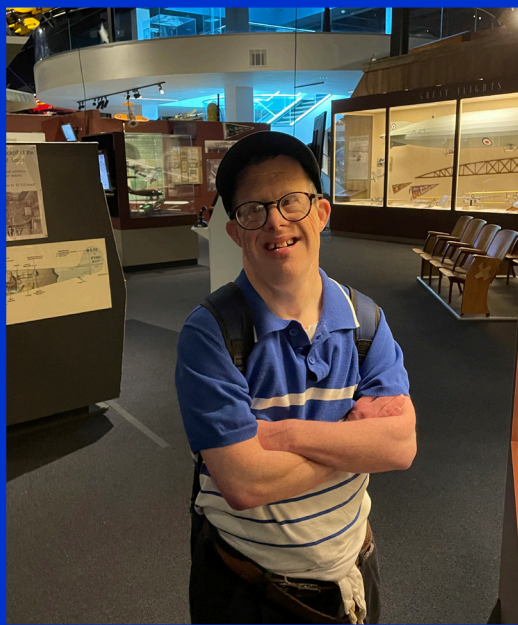
**Quick quote:** Swimming with dolphins can be expensive, but swimming with sharks may cost you an arm and a leg.

The cake of the person that only shop online 😂





# Chevra's Summer Fun





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# Chevra's End of Year BBQ!





# Chevra participates in Mini Day Camp's Carnival!





# Rockaway Ferry Trip!

