

פרשת וירא

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This week in review!

A lot has been going on at the Chevra lately. We recently took a trip to the Jewish Children's Museum in Crown Heights, Brooklyn. At the museum there were many nice exhibits that we had a chance to experience and enjoy. When we started our tour, we were amazed as we saw some interesting exhibits. One in particular was that of a replica tent of Avraham Aveinu as he was sitting outside waiting for visitors just like in the Parsha. We also saw a demonstration of the seven days of creation of the world. The way this exhibit was demonstrated brought each day of creation to life and gave us a real in depth understanding as to how Hashem created the world. Seeing the exhibits of Noach's Teivah and the Akaidas Yitzchok was a sight to behold and was very educational. Towards the end of our visit, the tour guide surprised us and took us to a game room and hosted an exciting Jewish trivia challenge and Parsha questions for the Chevra. To no one's surprise, the Chevra amazingly knew the answers to so many of the questions! All of the exhibits really helped us to have a better understanding in a more visual way, so when learning about the upcoming Parsha's we will remember how each of the events happened in a more colorful and concrete way. We had an amazing time!

There was a bit of some election fever here at the Chevra this week. Last

Wednesday morning after Tuesday's election someone announced that Trump



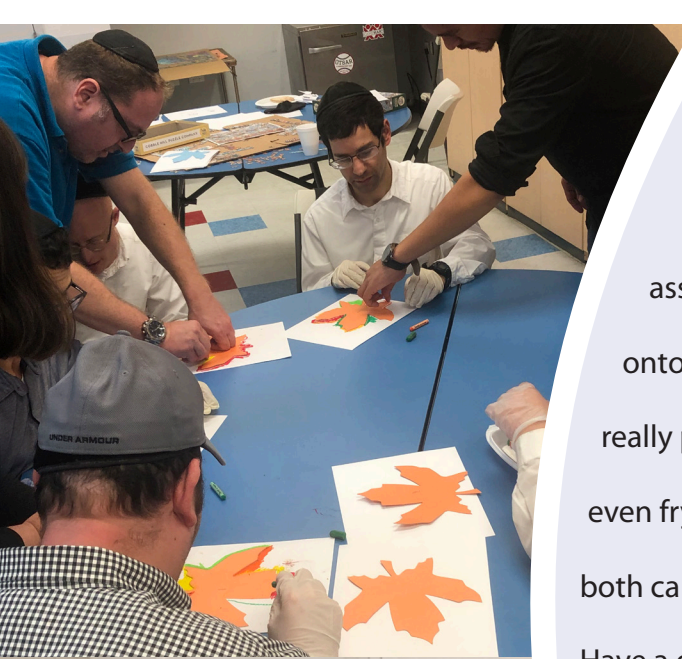


won the presidency and the entire room erupted with applause and cheers! Who knew the Chevra was majority republican!

Regardless of who was elected it is good to know that the Chevra cares about our community and our country. Of course, the Chevra are aware that ultimately it is Hakadosh Baruch Hu that runs the world!

We mentioned that Otsar was in the works of acquiring two 15 passenger vans for the Chevra. Well deliver they did, as the vans were delivered right to the Chevra building here at W. 13th Street! As the guys came out of the building, the Chevra saw the new black 15 passenger vans and couldn't believe it was for them! Well you can imagine how excited the Chevra and staff were to test drive the new vehicles. You could also imagine that not one Chevra individual went back with the initial driver that brought them in the morning, but all switched into the new vans for a smooth ride back when they went home. We have some real car enthusiast among the Chevra. **Shamshon, Lipa, Akiva** and the rest of the Chevra were waiting patiently all week long to get their hands on the new vehicles. **Akiva** inspected the vehicles himself and noticed a towing hitch in the back and was conjuring up all these plans for two trailers! It was just an exciting week, and everyone was very happy. We thank **Meir Zev, Ari** and **Shanie** for working very hard to get these vehicles for us! May Hashem protect our vans and all individuals in or around the vehicles!

During our exciting art workshop, each of the Chevra guys decorated a nice colorful leaf with **Fayge**. As we are in the fall season and the leaves are all over the ground outside, everyone knew just how they each wanted to decorate their own leaf. So many different colorful leaves were decorated by the guys and everyone



really enjoyed making them!

In the kitchen with **Anat**, we baked delicious falafel balls during our weekly baking activity. We blended up the chickpeas with an assortment of spices and we had a chance to roll out the falafel balls onto the oven sheets ready for baking. It came out of the oven looking really professional and it tasted just like it does in the store. And we didn't even fry it, we baked it! We also baked zucchini muffins with Anat. They both came out tasting great!

Have a great 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.

Vort on Parshas Vayeira:

Topic: The conclusion stems from the origin. "Let some water be taken and bath your feet, etc."

The Gemara teaches us that as a reward for the three deeds of Avroham, the Yehudim obtained three things.

(1) As a reward for offering milk and butter, they received manna. (2) As a reward for standing up to them they received the pillar of cloud. (3) As a reward for offering water, they were granted the well of Miriam. The Marsha asks: The Gemara elsewhere tells us that these three gifts were given in the merits of Moshe, Aharon and



Miriam and not in the merit of Avraham? The answer is that the gifts were the result of a process, not of a single event. Moshe, Aharon and Miriam were not the initial cause for the manna, cloud and drinking well. Rather, they watered and brought to fruition the seed planted by Avraham's hospitality. Similarly, we find the Mitzvah of Tzitzis attributed to the merit of both Shem and Avraham. Meaning: Shem planted the "seed" by covering his father's shame and Avraham developed its fruition.

Just as a good deed has stages, similarly, wicked acts are to be seen as the result of a process. As the Ramban explains in one of the Pesukim: "Perhaps there is among you an evil root that will blossom and grow and in the coming days will produce poisonous buds"

[Source: Reb Chaim's discourses]

A few jokes for you...

Q: There's a magical thing that begins with a T, it ends with a T and even has T inside it? What is it?

A: A Teapot.

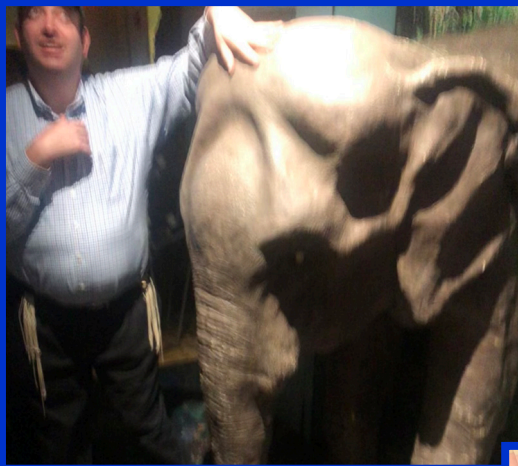
Q. What do you call a cold hotdog?

A. A chilly dog!

Q. Why was the cookie so sad?

A. Because his brother was a-wafer so long!

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