

פרשת מצורע
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This week in review!

As Pesach is almost here, the Chevra continues with all of the exciting pre-Pesach activities! Recently, we all enjoyed our amazing mock Pesach Seder. Thank you to **Rabbi Gross** who led our Seder together with our staff and **Nachum R** who assisted. At the start of the Seder, we all stood up and sang the Kadish song. The Chevra then recited Kiddush together as we started the festivities. We learned and reviewed a bit about each part of the Seder. We also sang many of the Pesach songs in the Haggadah and heard some very nice Divrei Torah. The Seder was beautifully done, as we really felt the spirit of Pesach in our Chevra room. We are all looking forward to having our Pesach Seder with our friends and families.

To finalize our Pesach preparations the individuals went to get our vans washed. We vacuumed out each of the vans and the individuals went into all the nooks and crannies for each van trying to vacuum each spot. After that we followed up with a nice exterior wash. It's been a while since our vans have looked this clean again! The group felt fulfilled in the Mitzvahs and preparations that they were involved in.

Last Sunday we took a trip to Dave & Busters in Staten Island! The excitement that the guys experienced while playing the games was very apparent as you could see the joy on each of their faces. To top it all off, it was very rewarding to see all the tickets pour out of the machines and then to be able to pick out prizes at the





end. By the time the guys were ready to leave, they went and redeemed all the tickets that were accumulated throughout the action-packed day. It was nice to see the smiles that were on the guys faces upon getting the rewards.

The Chevra continues with our art workshop classes with **Fayge**. Since Pesach is literally right around the corner, we each made our very own pillow cases, so that we can use it for our pillows during the Pesach Seders. We started out by adding dye from a blue paper and then poured water on it, so the dye can leave an impression on the pillow case. Then we each nailed in decorative clips to our pillow case and Fayge added a beautiful Pesach design to it. Everyone should enjoy using their own custom made pillow cases at the Seder!

We also prepared a delicious meal in honor of Rosh Chodesh Nissan. First, we went on a shopping spree at Bingo to buy the items that were needed to put this meal together. We baked schnitzel, vegetables kugel, a spruced up Israeli salad and we also had a refreshing iced tea to top it all off. During lunch we spoke about all the special events that will occur during this month. Thank you to **Mrs. Wolpin** for helping to put our lunch together.

A very happy birthday to **Shmuel Zakon** who celebrated his birthday with the Chevra! Thank you to the Zakon family for sponsoring the delicious birthday cake and soda. Happy birthday to Shmuel, Ad Me'ah Ve'esrim Shanah!

Special announcement: Save the date! The Shabbos of May 24th to May 26th the Chevra will I"YH be going on a Shabbaton! We will be joining Mesivta Ateres Yaakov at Camp Romimu. The guys are so excited and can't wait to go! Please stay tuned and look out for the email regarding the Shabbaton right after Pesach, with all the details and necessary paperwork that will be attached.



Have a wonderful Shabbos and a Chag Kasher V'sameach!

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. B'H some of the hostages have been released & hopefully the rest of them will be released shortly. 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 Metzora:

The Talmud says that the affliction of leprosy is on account of the sin of Lashon Hara. The Metzora must remove himself from the community. Some people feel that when they carry tales they endear themselves to others. It is so easy to gather a circle of listeners when one has gossip to offer. Initially a gossip will indeed find that he has a large audience. But think: A person will not make close friends with a gossip. If he carries tales about others to you, what is to stop him from carrying tales about you to others? No person will confide in a gossip. One will be very hesitant to invite him home. The gossip is a dangerous person. Soon he will have a little or no audience. Our Sages say that Lashon Hara seriously harms not only the one who listens to it and the one who is slandered, but the gossip himself as well.

[Source - Living Each Day - Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski- Artscroll]

Enjoy Menuchas Shabbos!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Gross

A few jokes for you...

Q. What food was Pharaoh given to eat?

A. Makkah-roni!

Q. Why did the Matzah baker rob the bank?

A. He needed the dough!

Q. Why did the Matzah go to the doctor?

A. Because he started feeling crumbly!

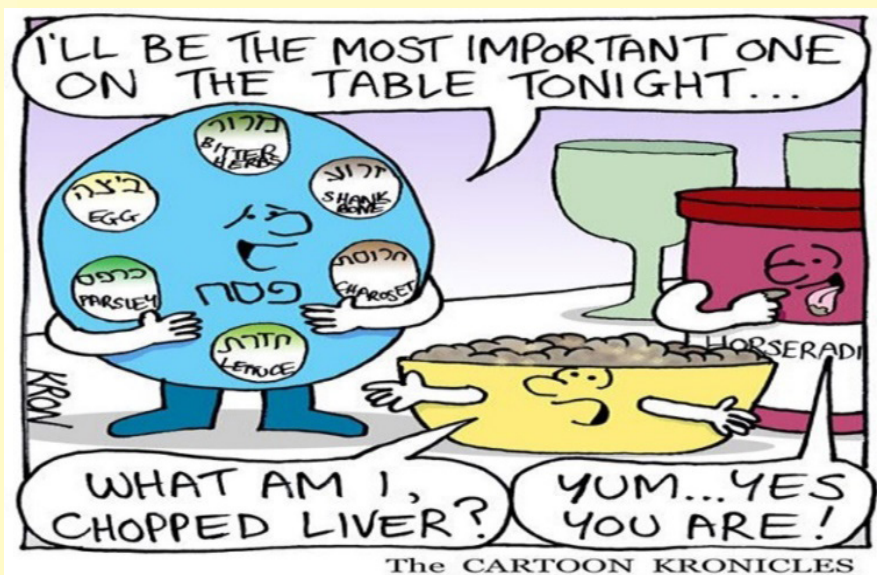
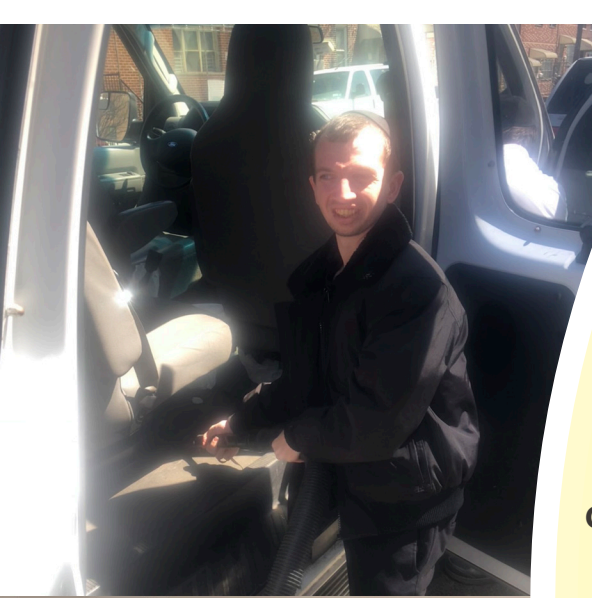
Q. Have I ever told you the joke about the Matzah and butter?

A: I better not tell you, it might spread!

Q. You want to hear a good Matzah pizza joke?

A. Never mind, it's pretty cheesy!

Quick quote: "Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success."



Chevra makes Pillow Case Covers for the Seder!





The Chevra's Mock Seder!

