

פרשת תרומה
February 24, 2023

This week in review!

This was an exciting week at the Chevra! We started out with an amazing bowling trip during the Sunday Supplemental program. We went to the Funfest bowling alley on Strickland Avenue in Mill Basin. The group was talking about how **Shlomo, Shmuel, Yidi, Lipa, Evan & Gaveriel** did a great job knocking pins down. Even though some were competing with others everyone kept it friendly and fun. The Chevra really enjoys going bowling on a regular basis. A great time was had by all!

Recently at the Chevra, **Mr. Pollack** asked if our group can lend a hand by assisting with shredding. There were many old boxes of paper that needed to be shredded in order to clear up some additional space. To no one's surprise the guys were really excited to use the fancy shredding machine and got right down to work. All of the guys took turns helping, but **Akiva** in particular spent a full hour by the machine shredding up many pieces of paper. Thank you to Akiva for your great effort in this activity. Everyone really felt a sense of accomplishment upon finishing and seeing the mounds of shredded paper!

In honor of Rosh Chodesh we baked a delicious potato kugel with **Anat** which we all enjoyed making and eating. With everyone's participation we peeled dozens of potatoes, put them in the blender with all of the ingredients and then baked the kugel. There is just something special about the smell of a freshly baked potato kugel coming straight out of the oven and of course it tasted delicious as well.

In continuing with our Rosh Chodesh festivities, on the second day of Rosh Chodesh **Mrs. Wolpin** helped arrange a delicious lunch for the Chevra. We baked schnitzel, prepared homemade roasted vegetables, an Israeli salad





and a refreshing iced tea. During lunch we spoke about Purim and the excitement of it all coming up this month. **Hillel** went around the room and asked each of the guys what their favorite part of Purim is. Check out the end of the newsletter to see what each of the guys answered.

We have a special announcement regarding an upcoming event! We are super thrilled to announce that the Chevra will be visiting **Rabbi Moshe Tuvia Lieff Shlita**! We will IY'H be going to the Rabbi's shul on Monday February 27th for a schmooze and meet and greet. Of course, the Chevra has a great relationship with Rabbi Lieff and we can't wait to reconnect and share words of Torah and Chizuk with each other. The Chevra group themselves have deemed this a white shirts only day.

In other announcements we will also be attending the Taftkid Purim Carnival on Sunday March 5th as we have in the past. Everyone is really excited to be going!

It was a busy birthday week as we celebrated two Chevra members special day. Happy birthday to **Akiva Berger**! The guys got a kick out of seeing Akiva's father hand deliver the delicious ice cream cake.

Gaveriel Borenstein had an equally fun birthday celebration! In this case Gavi wanted to shop with the Chevra and pick out his own cake to share with everyone. Thank you to the **Berger & Borenstein** families for sponsoring the delicious ice cream cakes.

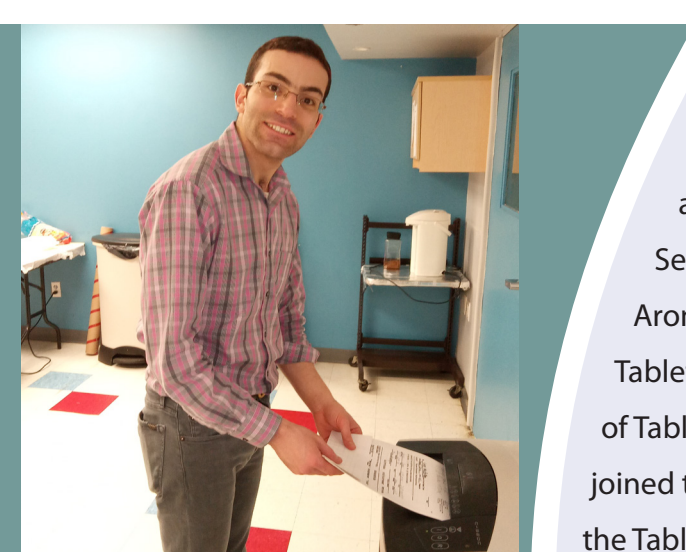
Happy birthday **Akiva & Gavi**, Ad Me'ah Ve'esrim Shanah! Have a wonderful Shabbos!

Mr. Kerper

Thoughts on Parshas Terumah:

The second Tablets were placed in the Aron immediately upon the completion of the Mishkon. The broken pieces of the First Tablets were kept in a separate Aron that accompanied the Bnei Yisroel when they went out to wage war. When the Bais Hamikdash was built, the broken pieces were placed in the Aron together with the intact Tablets. A Major part of our history is Hashem's benevolence





in granting the nation a second chance – for even after constructing the Golden Calf, the nation’s repentance was accepted & Hashem gave the Torah a new with the giving of the Second Tablets. This story of repentance could not be told by an Aron containing only the intact Second Tablets; the testimony of those Tablets alone would be incomplete. The complete testimony of both sets of Tablets was presented when the shattered remnants of the First Tablets joined their successor in the Aron in the Beis Hamikdash. Only then did the Tablets indicate the full story of Hashem’s kindness towards the Bnei Yisrael.

[Source- Kol Dodi- Seasonings of the Torah- Rabbi Dovid Feinstein- Artsroll – Mesorah]

Enjoy Menuchas Shabbos!

Sincerely,

Rabbi Gross

Our Discussions around the Table...

As we ate our lunch, we asked everyone what their favorite part of Purim is...

Tzvi L - said "Going Shaloch Manos collecting on Purim in Totty's bus".

Chaim - mentioned he loves to go home to his family where he will enjoy the Seudah on Purim.

Shmuel - said his favorite part of Purim is the Seudah & cracked a joke "when he gets drunk" (with grape juice of course).

Hudy - said that his favorite part is hearing the Megillah and shaking the gragger when he hears the word Haman.

Nachum - said "I like to eat hamantaschen".

Mechy - told us he likes giving out Shaloch Manos and being happy. Both of which are his favorite parts of Purim.

Shlomo - mentioned that he enjoys the Seudah, the music and dancing.

Lipa - said breaking his fast after Taanis Esther & when his nephew rents a limousine where he will be driving around Brooklyn in it! Honk for Lipa if you see a limousine on Purim day!



Yidi - likes to hear the Megillah because he sees everyone all dressed up!

Simcha - talked about learning about Purim among his favorite parts as well as getting in the car and going around delivering Shaloch Manos.

Gavriel - also likes giving Shaloch Manos and being happy on Purim.

Evan - said he will be dressing up and hearing the Megillah and looks forward to everything about Purim.

Akiva - Can't wait to dress up as a Sheriff!

Heshy - Loves everything about Purim & can't wait to dress up!

Shamshon - likes doing the four specific Mitzvos of Purim which are Megillah, Machatzis Hashekel, Maatanos Laevyonim and the Purim Seudah.

Tzvi W - talked about how he likes hearing the Megillah and dressing up in costume as his favorite parts of Purim.



A few jokes for you...

Q. Why are Saturday and Sunday strong days?

A. Because Monday through Friday are weak-days!

Q. Why is the Shabbos before Purim called Shabbos Zachor?

A. Because it's the last thing that you will remember for a long time!

Q. Why didn't Esther receive Mordechai's e-mail, warning her about Haman's plan to kill the Jews?

A. Because she had the Achash-virus on her computer.

