

פרשת ויקהל-פקודי

March 13, 2026

This week in review!

I hope everyone had a joyful filled Purim! In the days leading up to Purim, the excitement at the Chevra was impossible to miss. The guys were counting down, discussing about the costumes, games, concerts and the pizza lunch, and making sure everyone knew that the Taikid Purim carnival could not arrive fast enough. When the day came, the Chevra headed out ready for action—and the carnival did not disappoint. From the moment we arrived, there were activities everywhere you turned, and the guys jumped right in. Between the games, and nonstop energy, there was never a dull moment. Of course, one of the highlights of the day was the incredible lineup of Purim costumes. Some of the Chevra guys definitely came prepared! **Lipa** came dressed up and looked very official as a Hatzalah paramedic (we all felt safer already), while Evan wore his Rabbinic gear. Everywhere you looked; there were creative costumes and smiles. One especially funny moment came when **Ephraim** arrived dressed exactly like Uncle Moishy—and yes, the real Uncle Moishy was also there. For a brief moment, we weren't quite sure who was supposed to be entertaining the crowd, and some of us wondered if Ephraim was about to grab the microphone and start the concert himself! Speaking of music, the carnival also featured an exciting concert that some of the guys enjoyed, with performances by **Uri Davidi**, **Shloimie Dachs** and **Yoni Z.** The music added even more Ruach to an already upbeat day and kept the Purim spirit going strong. All in all, the Taikid Purim carnival was a success, filled with joy, Achdus, and lots of smiles!





This past Sunday, the supplemental group took advantage of the beautiful weather and headed out for a trip on the Rockaway Ferry. Before leaving, the group packed up lunch—because we all know that any good trip starts with making sure there's enough food! Once on the boat, everyone enjoyed the relaxing ride and the scenic views along the way. We passed by the Verrazano Bridge, spotted downtown Brooklyn, and of course admired the famous New York City skyline. There's something about being on the water that makes the city look even more impressive. When the ferry arrived at the South Street Seaport stop, the group hopped off and went for a nice scenic walk to get in their daily dose of exercise. Afterwards, we found a nice quiet spot to sit down and enjoy the lunches which we had packed earlier. All in all, the Chevra had a great time—fresh air, great views, and a little exercise. And perhaps the biggest surprise of the day was the weather, which decided to cooperate and give us a beautiful day for the ferry trip!

During our weekly Karate class with **Sensei Dennis**, the Chevra have really been working hard and showing great improvement. The kicks and punches that they've been practicing are starting to look very sharp—some of them are beginning to look almost professional! Sensei Dennis continues to guide everyone with patience as the group practices the different techniques they've learned. Of course, karate class is not just about punches and kicks. There is also plenty of exercise mixed in, which keeps everyone moving and energized throughout the class. By the end of the session, the guys definitely feel like they had a great workout. Most importantly, everyone has a lot of fun while building strength, focus, and confidence each week with Sensei Dennis.

Back in the kitchen, the guys were busy baking some delicious carrot muffins with **Anat**. First, we rolled up our sleeves and peeled some carrots. Once the carrots were ready, we added all the ingredients into the blender until we had a perfect batter. Next came



the fun part. We sprayed the muffin tins and took turns using the scooper to carefully fill each muffin cup. After it came out of the oven we decided to save the muffins and bring them along as a special snack for our upcoming trips.

A very happy birthday to **Akiva Berger** and **Tzvi Lowinger**! Thank you for sponsoring the delicious birthday cakes. Happy birthday to the both of you! Ad Me'ah Ve'esrim Shanah!

Have a great Shabbos!

Mr. Kerper

Upcoming Events:

Simcha Lichtenstein will be celebrating his 40th birthday this Sunday, March 15th, from 4:00 PM until 6:45 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend if possible. The celebration will take place at the Armon Hall, located at 2603 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11210. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Chevra will also be going matzah baking this coming Tuesday with **Rabbi Fried**. The baking will take place at the Upper West Side location. The guys are very excited and can't wait to bake their own Matzahs!

A Vort on Parshas Vayak'hel:

"Betzael shall carry out with Aholiav and every wise hearted man who Hashem has given wisdom to do all the work of building the Mishkan."

This Pasuk is telling us that Hashem commanded many types of Jews to contribute in the building of the Mishkan besides Betzael. But just last week we learned that Hashem gave all the wisdom only for Betzael to complete the Mishkan. Why now does Hashem command more people with task of building the Mishkan? Betzael could have done everything himself! The answer is simple but



contains a powerful lesson. When Hashem blesses someone with a special talent, it does not mean that he or she is better than anyone else. It simply means that he received a “gift” from Hashem and should use it to benefit all of Klal Yisroel. Therefore, even though Betzalel could have built the Mishkan on his own, he accepted to work with anyone who wanted to lend a helping hand to show that all of his “talents” comes straight from Hashem. We learned the Halachos of Zimun. We discussed that when three people sit down together to eat bread, they must bench with a Zimun. If ten people eat together, they must add the name “Elokeinu” to the Zimun. Additionally, we talked about the differences between Ashkenazim and Sephardic customs when it comes to Zimun. Sephardim allow a child above the age of 7 to be a part of the Zimun as long as everyone else involved are at least 13 years of age. However, Ashkenazim only do Zimun when all three people are above the age of 13.

We will continue again saying Tehillim every day until there is peace in Eretz Yisroel and the war is over. We will continue to daven for the safety and well-being of the Israeli army and for all of Klal Yisroel.

A Gut Shabbos!

A few jokes for you...

Q. Why don't honest people need beds?

A. Because they don't “lie” down! (As told by Moshe Balser)

Q. What do you call a train full of bubble gum?

A. A chew- chew train!

Q. What did the leaves say to the sleeping gardener?

A. Time to “rake” up!

Chevra enjoying the Tafkid Purim Carnival!

