

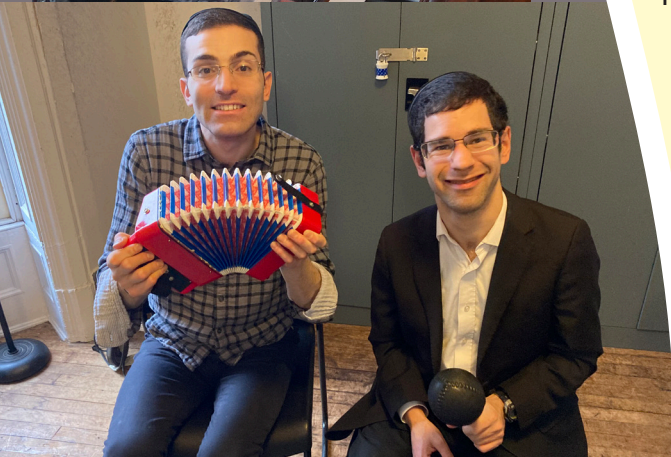
פרשת ויחי

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## This week in review!

Already one of the highlights of the year was an activity that took place last week. Of course that is none other than visiting **Rav Reuven Feinstein Shlita!** This was a big deal here at the Chevra. You should have seen the excitement on the guys faces the morning of the visit. As we were about to enter the Rav's home everyone intuitively started to quiet down in anticipation to meeting the Rav. Once the group arrived, we were welcomed to a warm smile and the Rav greeted everyone personally and expressed to everyone what a pleasure it was to have the Chevra back after meeting several years ago. After we were seated, the Rav started with a short story and some nice words of Chizuk. When Rav Feinstein finished speaking he opened up the floor to some questions and comments. Again, just like in the past almost everyone's hands shot up as they waited with excitement to be called on. Each Chevra member got a chance to ask whatever they wanted to the Rav. It was nice to see the Chevra talk and interact with Rav Feinstein as if they were close friends. Although we didn't want our meeting to end all good things must come to an end. On our way out we were honored to present Rav Feinstein with a beautiful gift that we picked out earlier in the week. Of course we were not going to leave without taking some great pictures to cherish the memories of the meeting. It was a wonderful





experience to spend some time with Rav Feinstein let alone right in his very own home! The Chevra's special post Chanukah visit to Rav Feinstein was extremely inspirational. A great time was had by all!!!

We had the pleasure of celebrating **Shlomo's** birthday at the Chevra! We also had the honor of having Shlomo's father, **Rabbi Rabinowitz** come to celebrate Shlomo's birthday with us! What a privilege! He brought with him a delicious birthday cake. Rabbi Rabinowitz said a beautiful D'var Torah which was tied in nicely with some words of Chizuk. One of the inspiring messages that Rabbi Rabinowitz spoke about was from the Parsha. He stated that Yosef and his brothers were very close with each other, but even though they were close, they still had normal sibling rivalry.

The main reason was because they were jealous of Yosef. Rabbi Rabinowitz tied this in by reminding the Chevra group that we, the Chevra are a very special close-knit group that spends a lot of time together and just like Yosef and his brothers who really cared a lot about each other, brothers too can have their differences especially if jealousy becomes a factor. We were reminded that if a disagreement or jealousy should ever occur with one another, we must remember about the story of Yosef and his brothers and still treat everyone with kindness. It so happens to be that the name of our program is Otsar "Chevra" and the word Chevra means a close-knit group. What a beautiful message! Thank you to the Rabinowitz family for the delicious cakes and of course the amazing company and words of Torah. Afterwards, the group got up to





dance with Shlomo and his father. Happy birthday Shlomo, ad me'ah v'esrim shanah!

Although it was hard to go back to our regular daily activities from such a high meeting with Rav Feinstein we eventually made our way back to the Chevra kitchen. We baked delicious falafel balls during our weekly activity with **Anat**. 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!

During the last day of Chanukah, we played another round of trivia which was hosted this time by **Hillel** and our staff **Nachum**. We went around the room asking questions and when they gave a great answer each of the guys came up to choose a gift. You could tell that choosing their own personal gift made them really happy. It was an exciting game and a great way to finish off our Chanukah festive week!

B'H we have a few Mazel Tov's! Mazel Tov to the Rabinowitz family on the birth of a baby boy to **Shlomo's** sister Chana & Mendy Zaks! Mazel Tov to the Furst family on the birth of a baby boy to **Yidi's** sister Sarala. Mazel Tov to the Nagel family on birth to a baby girl to **Mechy's** sister Ariella, the baby's name is Liana Tzipporah. May we continue to only hear about Simchos!

Have a wonderful Shabbos!

**Mr. Kerper**





## Thoughts on Parshas Vayechi:

Yosef's brothers are concerned that Yosef will take revenge for their having sold him into slavery. They fall before his feet, pleading for forgiveness. Yosef responds that he has no intention of seeking revenge. "Am I in the place of G-d?" he asks. "You intended to harm me, but it was G-d's intention that your actions turn out favorably for me." Note that Yosef does not say, "I forgive you." Rather, he points out how powerless he is to take revenge, hence he has no intention of doing so. That is how undesirable traits should be eliminated - envy, greed, lust, vanity, etc. We need to only know for a fact that what is intended to be will be, & that which we are not intended to have we can't acquire & retain, regardless of how much effort we exert.

*[Source- Living Each Day- Rabbi Abraham J. Twerski, M.D. - Artscroll/Mesorah]*

Enjoy Menuchas Shabbos.

Sincerely,

**Rabbi Gross**

## A few jokes for you...

**Q. Why couldn't the pony sing happy birthday?**

A. Because he was a little horse!

**Q. Why is a snake difficult to fool?**

A. Because you can't pull its leg!

**Q. What does a cow call an earthquake?**

A. A milkshake!



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