

פרשת תזריע-מצורע

April 17, 2026

This week in review!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and uplifting Pesach! It's nice seeing everyone back in great spirits and hearing all about everyone's Chag.

After the long break, the Chevra jumped right back into things, starting off with a beautiful trip to the Brooklyn Botanical Gardens.

This time of year, is especially stunning, with the trees in full bloom and color everywhere you look. We enjoyed exploring the different flowers and plants, taking in the vibrant colors, and appreciating the beauty around us. The cherry blossoms, roses, and tulips were

definite highlights! With a gentle breeze, birds chirping, and the warm

sunshine, the entire group felt a sense of calm and relaxation that was

truly refreshing. It was also interesting to hear that the Botanical Gardens

is considered a top destination on many travel and tourism lists—reminding

us not to take for granted the incredible places we have almost right in our own

backyard. The day ended perfectly with a peaceful picnic lunch in the gardens.

Speaking of the season, as the end of the month of Nissan approached, the Chevra

set out on a special mission to find a fruit tree in order to perform the mitzvah of

Birchas Ha'ilanos. After coordinating between the vans, the group successfully met

up at the right spot and was able to complete this meaningful mitzvah together.





Nachum took the time to explain the significance of the Bracha, making it a truly enriching and rewarding experience for everyone.

Our weekly karate class with **Sensei Dennis** continues to be a highlight of the week. The Chevra have been putting in tremendous effort, and their progress is clearly visible. The kicks and punches they've been practicing are becoming sharper and more controlled, with some of the guys looking quite skilled! Sensei Dennis leads with patience and encouragement, creating a positive environment where each person can grow at their own pace. In addition to learning technique, the class provides a great workout—keeping everyone active, energized, and feeling accomplished by the end. Most importantly, it's a lot of fun.

Week by week, the Chevra are building strength, coordination, confidence, and focus—all while enjoying the experience together.

A very happy birthday to **Ephraim Gold**! Ephraim went and picked out his own birthday cake to celebrate with the Chevra. Thank you for sponsoring the delicious cake. Happy birthday and may you have many more birthday's in good health, Ad Me'ah Ve'esrim Shanah!

Save the date: IY"H, the Chevra will be heading on our annual Shabbaton from May 29th through May 31st. We'll be joining together with Mesivta Ateres Yaakov at [Camp Romimu](#) for what promises to be a truly meaningful and uplifting Shabbos together. Please keep an eye out for an upcoming email with all the important



details, including information and consent forms. We're very much looking forward to this special and rewarding experience!

Have a great Shabbos and a Chodesh Tov!

Mr. Kerper

A vort on Parshas Tazria & Metzora:

We discussed during the week about - Aniem. Our focus was on Parshas Tazria and Metzora, on the Halacha of Lashon Hara. We also spoke about the great damage a person does when he speaks Lashon Hara. Even though there are many reasons a person can get Tzaras, there are three places where the Tzaras can show up, 1- on the walls of a house, 2- on a person's clothing, and 3- on a person's body. The Tzaras on a person's body is the harshest punishment and this happens when he speaks Lashon Hara. This is because Lashon Hara is a terrible Avera, to make Yidden argue and be angry at each other. That is why he can't live between people, because it ruins relationships. We also learned about Doeg, who spoke Lashon Hara about Dovid and how it caused all the Kohanim to be killed and it also causing Doeg to lose his Olom Haba. Additionally, we learned about Gachazi and his sons getting Tzaras. We then sang a special song about the Chofetz Chaim, about speaking Lashon Hara. Towards the end of the week we started learning about the Avodah of the Kohen Gadol on Yom Kippur. B'H we are off to a great start after Pesach and the guys are learning very well. We are looking forward to the





continuation and excitement from all of our learning to come.

Have a wonderful Shabbos,

Rabbi Yaakov Milworm

A few jokes for you...

Q. What do you call steaks ordered by 10 Jews?

A. Filet Minyan



Q. What do you call a Torah with a seat belt?

A. A Safer Torah!

Q. A rabbi was asked, why many Jewish people always answer a question with another question.

"Why not?" he said.



Q. Why is a snake difficult to fool?

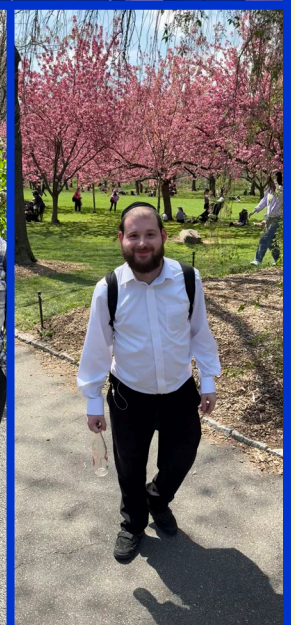
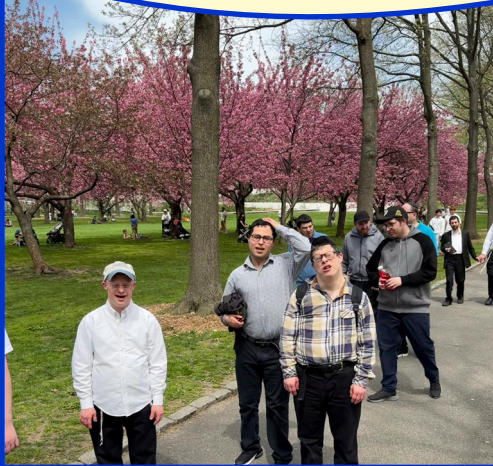
A. Because you can't pull its leg!

Q: What do you call something you can serve, but never eat?

A: A volleyball.



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