

פרשת וארא

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This week in review!

We started the week off with an exciting outing to Dave & Busters in Staten Island! The excitement that the guys experienced while playing the games was very apparent as you can see the joy on their faces. To top it all off it was even more rewarding seeing the tickets pour out of the machines and to be able to pick a prize at the end. By the time the guys were ready to leave; they went and redeemed all of the tickets that were accumulated throughout the action packed day. It was nice to see the smiles that were on the guy's faces upon choosing the prizes.

Last week the Chevra went to the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City! The trip went off without a hitch. We had a reserved dome theater presentation planned in the planetarium. It wasn't a traditional movie; rather there was an educator on a microphone teaching everyone in the dome theater about what was on the screen. They went through the different types of planes and stars and it was amazing. Sometimes we don't really realize how big Hashem's universe really is! We also had time to tour the museum and step inside different types of airplanes that were once actually used for different purposes! There were many different airplanes that were on display. Just seeing the size of the planes so close was mesmerizing! Many of the planes were from World War Two and the U.S. Navy. There were also many fighter jets on display as well. There was even a rocket ship model used in actual space, right in front of us for all to see. When the Chevra saw a model of the first airplane



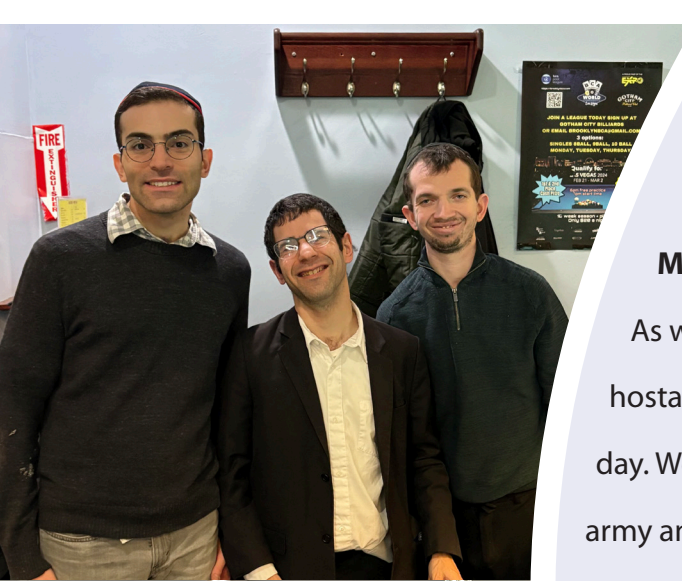


that the Wright Brothers first flew way back in 1903, we were all trying to imagine what it was like when the first airplane was invented. It must have taken many attempts until they were able to fly that plane. It's amazing how far we have come since then. Not only were the guys able to get close up and even touch many of the planes they were even able to go inside cabins of the planes. Our packed sandwiches and sliced vegetables came in perfectly handy for lunch to round out a great day. Everyone enjoyed and had an amazing time!

Additionally, the Chevra went to the New York Boat Show at the Jacob Javits Center! The guys were able to personally hop on board some of the most expensive and luxurious boats and yachts that the industry has to offer. It was an out of this world experience! We couldn't believe what our eyes were seeing! Most of the boats were equipped with luxurious sofa style seating wrapped in leather. The cockpits were filled of what seemed like very high-tech components. We couldn't help but imagine what it would be like to actually go cruise through the endless blue seas on one of the boats that we boarded. The Chevra was glad to switch things up and experience everything this trip had to offer. For publishing purposes, the pictures for this boat show trip will be in the next addition of the Chevra newsletter. Stay tuned!

The guys enjoyed a creative art workshop session with **Fayge**! For this workshop, each of the guys had their names spelled out in various formats and were able to color in each letter of their name with many different colors. It looked like an abstract of colors in each of the names. The attention to detail that was demonstrated was amazing to see! Besides working on their skills, it turned out to be an enjoyable and fun workshop with Fayge.

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to **Lipa**! We would also like to wish **Simcha** a very happy birthday! The Chevra guys really



enjoyed celebrating two birthdays in one week. Happy birthday to the both of you, Ad Maya V'esrim Shana!

Have a great Shabbos!

Mr. Kerper

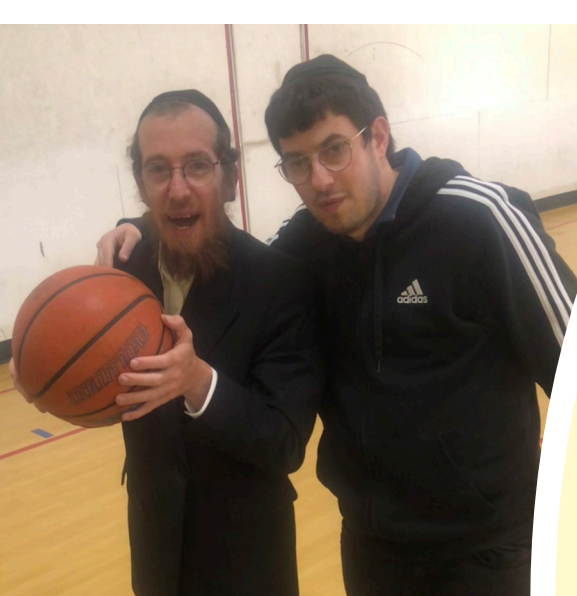
As we continue until there is peace in Eretz Yisroel and all of the hostages are returned, the Chevra keeps up with saying Tehillim every day. We will continue to daven for the safety and well-being of the Israeli army and for all of Klal Yisroel.



Parshas Va'eira...

In this week's Parsha we learn a practical lesson about Shalom Bayis. Rav Moshe Meir Wiess shlita brings down a thought: During the plague of the frogs besides being in every location the frogs also jumped into the fiery ovens even though they weren't commanded to do so. As a reward for what the frogs did, Hashem did a miracle for them and all the frogs lived even though they were in burning hot ovens! Now when the Jewish people were leaving Mitzrayim it is said the watchdogs by the borders that were trained to bark loudly if any Jews would leave. But at this instance as the Jews were leaving Mitzrayim the dogs kept quiet and did not bark allowing the Jews to leave without alarming anyone. As a reward to the dogs, Hashem blessed them with Parnasah for all the time - whereby everyone gives the dogs their meat and bones to eat. So the question is asked why did Hashem reward the frogs less if they did a bigger action so to speak, by risking their lives? All the dogs did was close their mouth, that didn't risk their lives! The Dogs were rewarded for hundreds of generations! Rav Nebenzahl Shlita gives a simple but powerful answer. He says it's easier to jump in a fiery furnace than it is to close your mouth when it is difficult. Wow! This means that not talking back to your spouse or avoiding an argument is





more precious to Hashem then jumping into a fiery furnace in the name of a mitzvah! Let's all use this practical lesson of the dogs during Mitzrayim. They closed their mouths and did not bark during an important and difficult moment. When we are in a heated argument or we see something we don't agree with, sometimes the best thing to do is close your mouth.

A few jokes for you...

Q: What do you call it when a snowman ignores you?

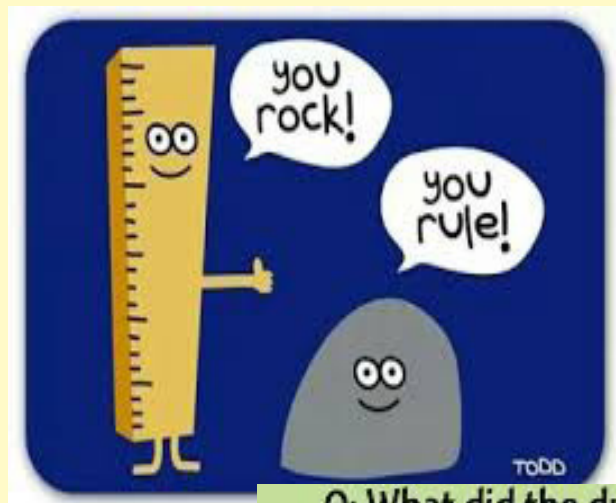
A. The cold shoulder!

Q: What do confused chickens lay?

A: Scrambled eggs!

Q: Why did the financial planner quit his job?

A. Because he was losing interest!



Q: What did the duck say to the comedian?



A: "You quack me up."

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