

פרשת קרח
June 23, 2023

This week in review!

Just like that, we are here at the end of year before most go off to camp and we look back at the year behind us. To reminisce the great times we had, we celebrated this week with our annual end of the year Chevra BBQ! We got two charcoal grills with all the tools and materials needed to fire it up. Everyone helped set up outside in the back yard for the perfect atmosphere to have a BBQ. We grilled hot dogs (yes, of course we cut them down horizontally), chicken cutlets and burgers. The Chevra made all the toppings which consisted of sliced vegetables, pickles and onions. We topped it off with a refreshing watermelon for desert. Many of the guys gave speeches and wished each other well for the summer and beyond. During the BBQ we had a special surprise guest whom decided to pop by. It was none other than **Reb Ekster** himself, who graciously conducts our Wednesdays zoom sessions.

Now, instead of zoom, we had the privilege to see him perform live for a special mini concert to complement our amazing BBQ! The guys were beyond excited when they saw him. It was really nice of **Reb Ekster** to come visit us and enhance our end of year BBQ. Thank you **Mrs. Wolpin** and all that helped out with the preparations for our BBQ. It was a great way to end the year.

On Thursday afternoon we continued with our deliveries for Aishel Shabbos. Sometimes when a Chevra member knocks on a door to deliver a package for Shabbos, the recipient gives the Chevra a tip! The guys feel rewarded when this occurs in addition to the mitzvah's that they are getting by delivering packages to people in need.





In honor of Rosh Chodesh we baked a delicious potato kugel with **Anat** which we all enjoyed making and of course eating.

With everyone's participation we peeled dozens of potatoes, put them in the blender with all of the ingredients and then baked it. Of course the kugel came out tasting delicious.

As most of the Chevra members prepare to leave for summer camp we continue to finish out the year strong with even more effort with the learning in our Chevra program. **Rabbi Gross** has done so much for the Chevra group this past year and we really appreciate it. The guys have learned and grown a lot during this year. A special thank you to Rabbi Gross!

A special thank you to our Chevra staff **Avi Broome** for sponsoring pastries for the Chevra in honor of his new daughter Kayla Rochel. Many of the guys gave Avi and his daughter Brachas which also included lots of nice wishes. Mazel Tov Avi and may you merit to raise her to a life of Torah, Chuppa and Maasim Tovim!

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to **Mechy**! Thank you for the delicious birthday cake and cookies. Happy birthday, ad me'ah v esrim shanah!

As we all know, summer camp is finally here! Next week will be the last days for many at the Chevra until they return from camp. We wish **Yidi, Hudy, Simcha, Shlomo, Lipa, Akiva, Heshy, Evan, Tzvi W** and **Gaveriel** an amazing and healthy summer. Please feel free to write to us and let us know how your summer is going. Send your letters to 2324 West 13th Street, Brooklyn NY 11223. We will definitely write back!

Of course the members that are staying - **Mechy, Chaim, Shmuel, Nachum A, Shamshon** and **Tzvi L** have an amazing jam packed schedule ahead, full of many exciting trips that will keep them plenty engaged and busy. We can't wait!

Have a wonderful Shabbos,

Mr. Kerper



A Thought on Parshas Korach:

Korach was truly blessed. In fact, he possessed all those characteristics which should have destined him to be a great leader of Klal Yisrael. He was astute and erudite in Torah knowledge. He descended from a distinguished lineage. Why then did he so tragically fail? Horav Simcha Bunim of Peshischa, cites Korach's inability to wait for the crown of leadership to be conferred upon him as the reason for his downfall. As the Torah clearly states "and Korach took", he attempted to assume leadership by force. The mantle of leadership over the Jewish people is one that is earned and Divinely delegated at the appropriate time. One does not manipulate entry to this sphere of power. It indicates a distinct lack of faith in Hashem's power for an individual to try to alter Hashem's direction of the course of events. Spiritual leaders of Klal Yisrael are Divinely anointed at the proper time by He who is the source of all leadership.

Enjoy Menuchas Shabbos!

Sincerely, **Rabbi Gross**

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A few jokes for you...

Q. What do you get when you combine an elephant with a fish?

A. Swimming trunks!

Q. If a doctor carries a black bag and a plumber carries a tool box, what does a Mohel carry?

A. A Bris-kit!

When do you go at red and stop at green?



When you're eating a watermelon!!!

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Our Discussions around the Table...

As we ate our lunch, we talked about what everyone is looking forward to in camp and at the Chevra during the summer...

- **Tzvi L** said he's looking forward to an exciting summer here at Otsar.



- **Shmuel** joked and said he's going to miss **Nachum A** "I'm just joking I'm going to be with him this summer".
- **Chaim** can't wait to head all over Manhattan on many trips.
- **Hudy** said he liked saying good bye to **Rabbi Gross** because he's going to camp and looks forward to seeing him after the summer.
- **Evan** said "It was nice being here, I'm grateful and I'm going to miss my friends here at Otsar's Chevra".
- **Mechy** is excited about spending some quality time with staff and friends over the summer.
- **Shlomo** mentioned I will miss the staff and all of the guys at the Chevra but also likes going to camp.
- **Lipa** said "I will miss everyone; I will miss all of my friends here at the Chevra and can't wait to see them after I come back from camp".
- **Yidi** said he's going to miss Hillel and wants to say goodbye to **Nachum, Shimshi** and **Avi** and he can't wait to go back to camp Romimu.
- **Simcha** said "It's been a pleasure with everyone this year. "I'm going to miss the staff and I'm looking forward to coming back to the Chevra after camp!"
- **Akiva** is very excited to be attending camp Hasc especially since his fellow friend Lipa and Hudy will be going with him!
- **Shamshon** can't wait for all the fun and exciting Chevra trips!
- **Gavriel** is looking forward to attending camp Chaverim with his Chevra peers.
- **Nachum A** is excited to be at the Chevra and to go on many trips.
- **Tzvi W** said he's looking forward to going back to camp Chaverim and seeing his friends.
- **Heshy** said he enjoys going to the bungalow with his family.

AND THAT'S A WRAP!

End Of Year BBQ 2023!

