

CHANUKAH EDITION!

פרשת מקץ

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This week in review!

The Chevra Sunday Supplemental group started the week off with a bang as they participated in an amazing bubble show! They joined in with the Otsar Sunday program and it turned out to be a great show, as the bubble presenter did all types of illusions and demonstrations right in front of their eyes. Some of the guys had a chance to be called up and to their surprise, had a huge giant bubble made over them and were actually inside the big bubble until it popped! The guys had a great time and enjoyed the show!

Our big highlight during the week was the Chevra participating in a special olive oil making class. This class was led by **Rabbi Fried** from the Chabad of the Upper West side. We drove over there for this amazing workshop. The class was fantastic! The Chevra had a chance to wind and squeeze olives from an old ancient replica olive oil press.

Low and behold before our very own eyes we all saw freshly squeezed olive juice come out! But the question that everyone wanted to know was how do we separate the olive juice from the olive oil? Well, that's where the centrifuge machine comes in handy. The Chevra held mini flasks of the fresh pressed olive juice and Rabbi Fried inserted them into his centrifuge machine and within minutes the olive oil and juice were separated! We were reminded about an amazing fact, that it takes 8 days to naturally separate olive oil from the olive juice. That's why the miracle of Chanukah didn't need to last longer than 8 days because the Jews of that time already started to make their own oil and it was ready by the 8th day... Amazing! It was cool to see the centrifuge machines do all of this





in a matter of minutes.

In the kitchen with Anat, we baked delicious falafel balls during our weekly baking activity. 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. Of course we baked it and did not fry it! We also baked cookies for Chanukah with Anat. They both came out tasting great!

The guys were excited to finish up the Menorah tray holders in time for Chanukah! The trays took a few workshop sessions since many different parts were needed for it to be completed. Fayge went above and beyond explaining each detail to the guys until it was understood. Mrs. Wolpin was also right there along with Fayge to be of assistance to the Chevra each step of the way and we thank her for that. The instructions that each of the guys followed and attention to detail really paid off as the Menorah trays came out looking really nice.

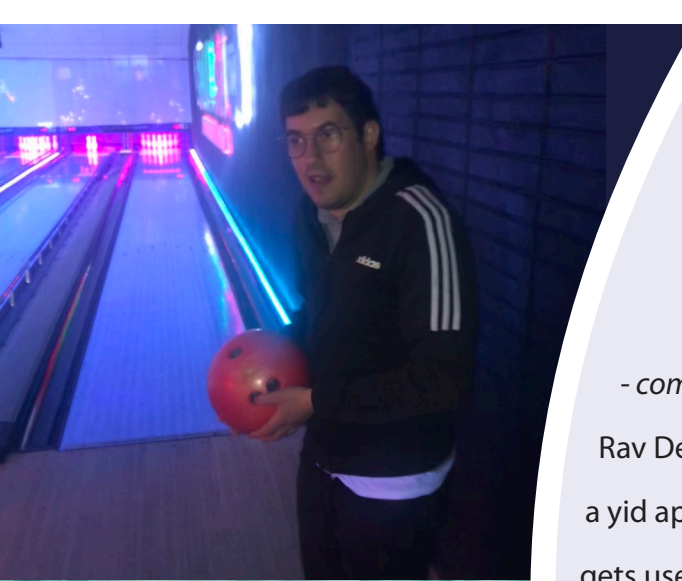
Next week, hold on tight to your seats because we have some exciting Chanukah plans scheduled. To start, we will be having our Chanukah ice cream party, (sponsored by the Lichtenstein family), Shlomo Rabinowitz's birthday, (Rabbi Rabinowitz will IY'H be saying some D'verei Torah in honor of the birthday and Chanukah), a visit with Rabbi Rokeach Shilta from Bais Mordechai D'Bertch (Rav of the Shul where Simcha L and his family daven), June's warehouse Chanukah party with donuts and gifts for all and a special Chanukah trivia game, where everyone goes home with a gift and more. Hope you caught all that!

I would like to thank the parents of our Chevra participants for the nice Chanukah gift and card. It really meant a lot to me. It's a pleasure to be working with our lovely group of guys. Thank you!

Have a great Shabbos & A Freilichen Chanukah!

Mr. Kerper

As we continue until there is peace in Eretz Yisroel and all of the hostages



are retuned, 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.

A vort on Chanukah

- compiled by Simcha Lichtenstein and typed up by Evan Dweck, thank you!

Rav Dessler TZ'L writes in Michtav M' Eliyahu that there are two ways a yid approaches a Chag. Most people begin with great Simcha as he gets used to the Chag. This is because their Simcha is external. However, Gedolei Torah are different. Their Simcha is internal from contemplating a lot on the meaning of the Chag and their Simcha increases every day. There are different levels in Avodas HaBorei. There is avoda which is external, Lo Lishma or doing by rote which Rav Dessler calls avodas hanefesh even if there is excitement in one's avoda this is external avoda which diminishes every day. However, there are those whose avoda is internal which he calls avodas Haneshama. Their Simcha is their avoda increases every day. This is relevant to the Parei Hachag, the cows offered as Korbanos for the gentiles that are decreased by one every day. This is external avoda. This was the argument between Bais Shamai and Bais Hillel in the Gemorah Shabbos page 21A. Bais Shamai held that on the first night a person lights all eight lights and every day one lights one less and Bais Hillel held on the first night a person lights one light and adds one every night. Bais Hillel held that the Chachamim established the mitzvah of lighting the menorah in the remembrance of the Chanukah miracle according to the avoda of the individual, who serve the Tzaddikim Gedolei, who internally, which is according to the days that have gone by. Each day is a greater recognition of the miracle from their contemplating the miracle that HaKodesh Baruch Hu did for us. And Bais Shamai held that the mitzvah was established according to the Klal, the masses who serve externally and each day the Simcha of the Chag is diminished. We light according to Bais Hillel in



order to remind ourselves that we should strive to be like the Tzaddikim to increase our awareness and Simcha of the Chag which requires us to serve HaBorei Olam internally.

A few jokes for you...

Q. What did the Menorah say when he showed up late to his Chanukah party?

A. Better light than never!

Q. How much Chanukah gelt did the skunk get?

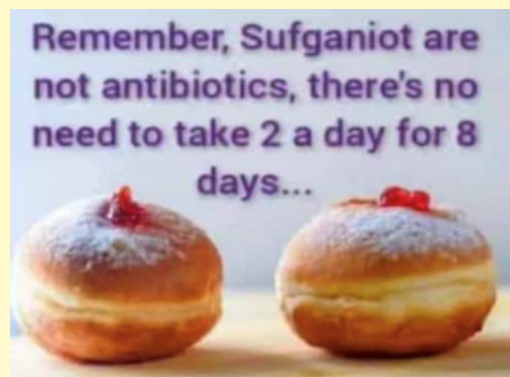
A. One cent!

Q. What's the best thing to put into the Sufganiyot?

A. Your teeth!

Q. Why was the broom late to the Chanukah party?

A. It over-swept!



Chevra Participates in Chanukah Toy Drive!



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