

פרשת נח

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## This week in review!

We hope everyone had an amazing Yom Tov season filled with meaning and growth. May we continue to elevate ourselves as we have done during those special days.

The Chevra got right back into action as we prepared for Parshas Noach by taking our annual trip to the Bronx Zoo! Of course, we started out our trip by packing up a delicious picnic lunch. When we arrived at the zoo, we found a nice quiet area that we took advantage of for an enjoyable lunch. Shortly afterwards, we took out our map of the zoo and began our adventure by heading straight for the gorillas since it was close by. As we got up-close to the gorillas, one of them actually came over in our direction and started making interesting sounds while facing some of our Chevra guys. We thought that the gorilla was trying to ask for food, so **Gavi & Hudy** threw some of our leftover lunch towards it but the gorilla didn't seem to have much interest in the food. A few of the Chevra guys were heard saying amongst each other that it's probably trying to tell us all that we should do Teshuva. Who knows?! We then moved on and had a chance to see many different kinds of animals that Hashem created in our world. As we walked around, we saw bison's, giraffes, rhinoceros, tigers, bears, sea lions and many more. We couldn't help but think how two pairs of non-kosher animals and seven pairs of kosher animals fit into the Tevah. **Shamshon, Simcha, Evan** and **Yidi** were convinced that this had to be nothing short of a miracle. We also had no idea how the elephants fit in the Tevah as well! As we were







walking around the zoo, the Chevra were discussing how it's almost impossible that Noach fed all of the animals and even more, having to feed them all and not even sleep during the whole Mabel. The only explanation that we came up with again was that it was all a big miracle; otherwise it could not have been possible. The walk around the zoo, with the crisp fall air upon us was really nice as this put our mindset to be ready for this week's Parsha.

Another fun activity that we did earlier in the week was that we baked delicious muffins with **Anat**. Everyone had the chance to hone in on their skills by measuring and pouring in the ingredients. Of course, afterwards we were rewarded with delicious tasteful muffins fresh right out of the oven and the rest of them we brought for a snack to the Bronx Zoo. We also baked with Anat, homemade falafel. They came out tasting great!

Since it was Rosh Chodesh during the week, we put together our signature special lunch in honor of the day. We baked chicken as our main dish which came out tasting delicious! We also baked a vegetable kugel and chopped up an Israeli salad. And to top it all off, we had our traditional ice tea which was very much enjoyed.

During lunch we had a group discussion about the Parshas that will be coming up during this month. Very interesting Torah topics were discussed. Thank you, **Mrs. Wolpin** for helping us put together this tasteful Rosh Chodesh lunch!

Exciting announcement: The Chevra will IY'H be going twice a month on Thursdays to the Boro Park Y for swimming and exercise! We are extremely excited about this and are looking forward to this enjoyable and positive activity together. At the Y we will have access to both the pool and the gym, so please bring lots of energy and of course a bathing suit! Of course there will be a life guard present during the entire duration of the entire activity, as well as our staff helping out where needed. We are looking forward to





adding the Y into our Chevra repertoire of amazing activates.

Some additional exciting news: The Chevra will IY'H be going to visit **Rabbi YY Jacobson, Shilta** on Tuesday November 7th. We are very excited to personally have a chance to meet with the world renowned Rabbi and to hear some words of Chizuk. We are all looking forward!

Have a great Shabbos!

**Mr. Kerper**

As we are all aware of the serious situation going on in Eretz Yisroel, the Chevra decided to commit to saying Tehillim every day. Additionally, we have all been trying to be extra nice towards one another, hoping that with all of our davening and good deeds, we will help to bring peace in Eretz Yisroel very soon. We will continue to daven for the safety and well-being of the Israeli army and all of Klal Yisroel as we fervently hope for a swift resolution to the current challenges.

### **A Thought on the Parshas Noach:**

There were many huge beasts and so many species of all different sizes that even 10 arks could not have held them all, along with one year's provisions! It was a miracle that the ark contained them all! Even though the miracle could have taken place in a smaller ark, thus sparing Noach the hard, physical labor of building such a huge one, Hashem decreed that such a huge one be built in order to minimize the miracle. For any given situation, one must do whatever is humanly possible before a miracle will occur. There are open many different miracles and there are hidden miracles. Through the course of its history, the Jewish people, both collectively and individually, have merited hidden miracles. Sometimes,





even one man can accomplish the seemingly impossible, by working tirelessly for the sake of Heaven and placing his trust in Hashem to turn his dream into a reality. Rav Yosef Shlomo Kahaneman was inspired to re-establish the Ponovezher Yeshivah in Eretz Yisroel. Someone remarked, "I hope the Rav will forgive me, but I think he is dreaming". The Ponovezher Rav replied, "Yes, I am dreaming- but I am not sleeping!"

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Enjoy Menuchas Shabbos!

Sincerely, **Rabbi Gross**

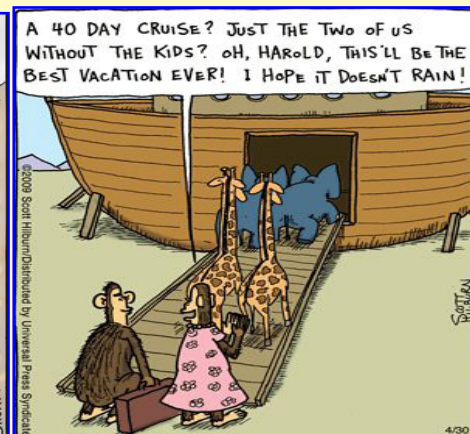
### A few jokes for you...

**Q. Why do flamingos stand on their left foot?**

A. Because they want to exercise their rights!

**Q. What did the hammers tell the wood?**

A. You look BOARD! Let's build something!



Noah's Answering Machine



# *Cheera Visits The Bronx Zoo!*

