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# **PESACH EDITION!**

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Shmurah Matzoh Bak

#### This week in review!

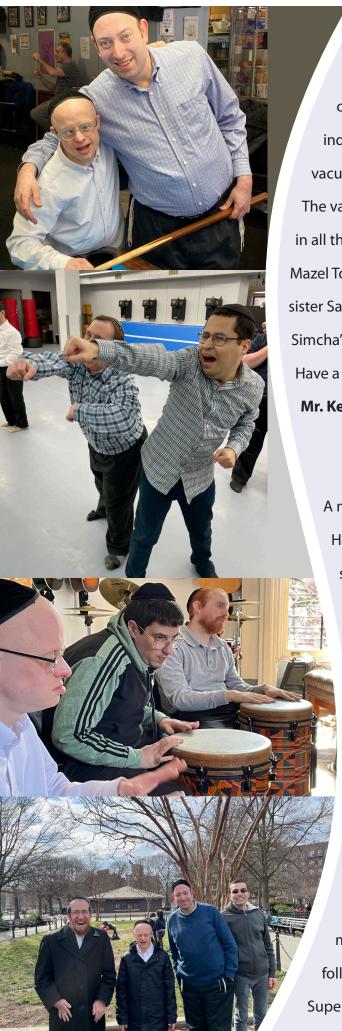
The Chevra had a great time preparing for the upcoming holiday of Pesach with an array of related activities.

We started the excitement off by taking a trip to the <u>Chareidy Shmurah</u>

Matzah Bakery, not too far from us on New Utrecht Ave. While we were there we saw that each person had a specific job. It was a sight to see just how organized each person working was and how all the bakers must work in unison to have the job completed correctly. As our group was watching, we were amazed how hot the ovens were. Yes, we could even feel some of the heat draft blowing from where we were standing! Almost as soon as the Matzahs were rolled out into the ovens, they were practically taken out within seconds after putting them in!

After watching dozens of Matzahs being made right before our eyes, the Chevra group was eager to have our very own hands on Matzah baking experience. And that's just what we did. We took a trip to the Matzah baking workshop located at the Chabad of the Upper West Side. This class was given by Rabbi Fried. The Rabbi was so happy to see our group again as he knows the Chevra from when we previously made Shofars & Olive oil with him. As soon as we walked into the room to bake the Matzahs, there was a nice smell of freshly made matzos from the previous class. We couldn't wait to see a new perspective on the Matzah baking since this time Rabbi Fried was leading it. Rabbi Fried proceeded to ask the Chevra several questions about Matzah and then taught the Chevra





friends and families.

To finalize our Pesach preparations the individuals went to get our vans washed. We vacuumed out each of the vans and the individuals went into all the nooks and crannies for each van trying to vacuum each spot. After that we followed up with a nice exterior wash. The vans have not looked this clean in a long time! The group felt fulfilled in all the Mitzvahs and preparations that they were involved in. Mazel Tov to the Lichtenstein family on the birth of a baby boy to Simcha's sister Saralah Weber in Eretz Yisroel. May we continue to only share in Simcha's

Have a wonderful Shabbos and a Chaq Kasher V'sameach!

Mr. Kerper

### A thought on Parshas Tzav:

A man by the name of Yossi asked a Rav a Halachic question: The Halacha states that a yard needs not to be checked for Chametz, since any Chametz that might have been there was probably eaten by birds. The Gemara gives us an insight: Birds can sense when food belongs to stingy people and they avoid eating it. When stingy people bait their traps, they just waste their food, since the birds avoid their food. "Perhaps this also applies to me", explained Yossi. "Perhaps the birds avoid the Chametz in my yard, since they know how stingy I am". Answer: No matter how stingy Yossi is, he still does not need to check his yard for Chametz. There are 3 reasons for this. 1) When he does Bitul Chametz, the Chametz becomes ownerless. Since it's no longer his, birds have no problem eating it. 2) Since Chazal ruled that one may rely on birds to eat the Chametz in in his yard, the bird's nature follows this ruling. 3) A Halacha should not be changed based on Supernatural considerations.



Enjoy Menuchas Shabbos! Chag Kasher V'sameach!

Sincerely,

**Rabbi Gross** 

## A few jokes for you...

Q. What food was Pharaoh given to eat?

A. Makkah-roni!

Q. Why did the Matzah baker rob the bank?

A. He needed the dough!

Q. Why did the Matzah go to the doctor?

A. Because he started feeling crumby!

Q. Have I ever told you the joke about the Matzah and butter?

A: I better not tell you, it might spread!

Q. You want to hear a good Matzah pizza joke?

A. Never mind, it's pretty cheesy!



The kids never let David forget the year he just couldn't find the afikoman

Kids seem to sense when Pesach is drawing near.







Cheora's Mock Seder with Rabbi Gross!