

פרשת במדבר

May 15, 2026

## This week in review!

Last week, the Chevra had a beautiful Lag B'Omer celebration together with Yeshivat Mekor Chaim, which was led by their principal, **Rabbi Hamal**.

The boys at the yeshiva were warm and welcoming, quickly joining in to dance and celebrate with the Chevra. There was nonstop singing, lively dancing, and a real sense of joy in the air. A highlight of the event was the large bonfire, which everyone gathered around, which adding to the special atmosphere. The music brought everything together and made the event even more memorable. It was a meaningful and uplifting way for the Chevra to celebrate Lag B'Omer.

Our main event was an exciting trip to the New York Mets game against the Detroit Tigers! Before heading to the stadium, we stopped at Forest Park in Queens to enjoy a relaxed lunch together. Afterward, we piled back into the van and made our way to Citi Field. As soon as we arrived, both the Chevra and staff were struck by how massive and impressive everything felt. Seeing over 45,000 fans - filling the stadium from every angle, combined with the perfect breezy baseball weather, made the experience even more special. We were fortunate to have seats in a comfortable shady area, with a light breeze keeping things just right. Once we got settled in our seats, the energy really picked up. **Chaim, Lipa, Shamshon, Evan**, and others from the Chevra started leading chants of "Let's go Mets!"—and before long, the entire section and then stadium joined in, cheering loudly together. The guys were even saying that their spirited cheering must have helped the Mets play such a great game! It was truly a fantastic outing, an afternoon of relaxing and enjoying the excitement at the ballpark together.





On Sunday, the guys enjoyed a wonderful outing to Bowl 360, where everyone had an amazing time together. The excitement and energy were high as the guys bowled a few games, with many scoring strikes and spares while knocking down plenty of pins. There was lots of cheering, laughter, and friendly competition throughout the outing, and everyone truly had a great time!

Back at the Chevra we continued working on our Shavous planter project with Fayge. First up- was painting the planters with chalk paint, which created a rustic finish that goes great with succulent plants\*. The guys hand painted a special design on the planters as well. Lastly, they filled the planters with a special soil\* and added succulents to each one. The guys worked very hard throughout the process, paying close attention to the instructions and taking pride in every detail of their work. Now we are all excitedly waiting to see the succulents grow\*. If taken care of, they will begin to grow taller and fuller (they grow slowly). The flower pots have turned out beautifully, and the Chevra should feel very proud of all their hard work. Enjoy!

\*(Key Care instructions for single pot succulents):

**Light:** Place in bright, indirect light. While they love sun, small pots can overheat in intense direct afternoon sun, causing sunburn.

These should not be outdoors. Place them by a window.

**Watering (The Soak & Dry Method):** Wait until the soil is completely dry, then soak the soil thoroughly, ensuring water drains out the bottom. Never let it sit in soggy soil.

If you will be repotting it.....Use a fast-draining potting mix specifically for cacti and succulents, or mix regular potting soil with perlite or pumice for better drainage.

**Potting:** Terracotta or clay pots are ideal because they allow the soil to breathe and dry out faster. Make sure there is a drainage hole.

**Temperature:** Keep in temperatures between 55°F and 75°F

**Signs of Trouble:**

**Overwatered:** Yellow, translucent, or mushy leaves.



Underwatered: Limp, wrinkled, or dull leaves).

During our baking class with **Anat**, we made delicious oatmeal chocolate chip cookies that smelled absolutely amazing. First, we carefully measured the oatmeal and all of the other ingredients, making sure to follow the recipe step by step. After mixing everything together well, we placed the cookie dough onto the baking sheet and waited excitedly for them to bake. As soon as the cookies came out of the oven, the wonderful smell filled the room and everyone could not wait to taste them. Along the way, we also practiced important skills such as measuring carefully, following directions, and working together.

A very happy birthday to **Chaim Gans** and **Tzvi Williner** who both celebrated their birthday's with the Chevra! Thank you to Chaim for sponsoring the delicious birthday cake & thank you Tzvi for sponsoring the delicious ice cream cake. Happy birthday to you both and many more in good health, Ad Me'ah Ve'esrim Shanah!

**Special reminder:** The Shabbaton is just a few weeks away; please remember to send in all the paperwork and payment as per the paperwork sent, so a final count can be made. Please let me know if anyone would like to receive a hard copy of the paperwork. We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding Shabbos together! Have a great Shabbos!

**Mr. Kerper**

### **A vort on Parshas Bamidbar:**

"They established their genealogy according to their families, according to their father's household."

When the Yidden accepted the Torah on Har Sinai, the nations of the world were filled with jealousy. They complained, "Why did this nation, more than any other, merit being given the Torah and brought closer to Hashem?" Hashem overrode their complaints by telling them, "Bring me your genealogical records, as my children, the Yidden, did because they were given the Torah in the merit of their distinguished lineage. The Dubno Maggid asks: What connection does a



distinguished lineage have to receiving the Torah? Is the Torah only for people with distinguished lineage? He explains that when Moshe presented the Yidden with Hashem's offer to give them the Torah, they enthusiastically responded, "Everything that Hashem has spoken, we will do." Yalkut Comments that the Yidden said to Hashem, "All that you will command us to do, has already been performed by our forefathers. Therefore, we are especially worthy of receiving the Torah." It seems that the Yalkut's interpretation is based on a play on the word "we will do"; it is to be read "it was already done" (by our forefathers). The Yalkut makes this radical change from the simple meaning of the Pasuk because there is an obvious question one could ask about the Yidden's unequivocal statement: "Everything that Hashem has spoken, we will do": How can sincere people undertake a responsibility to do whatever they were commanded? How could they be sure that they would be able to honor their commitment? The answer is that the fact that their forefathers had already fulfilled Hashem's commands under the most difficult circumstances made it possible for them, their children, to make such a commitment. Thus, the Yalkut is explaining that the reason why the Yidden proudly declared "we will do" was that "it was already done." [Source: Rav Pam on Chumash]

Have a wonderful Shabbos.

### A few jokes for you...

The Chevra asked:

**Q: What advice did Hashem give to Moshe to feel better?**

A: "Take two tablets"!

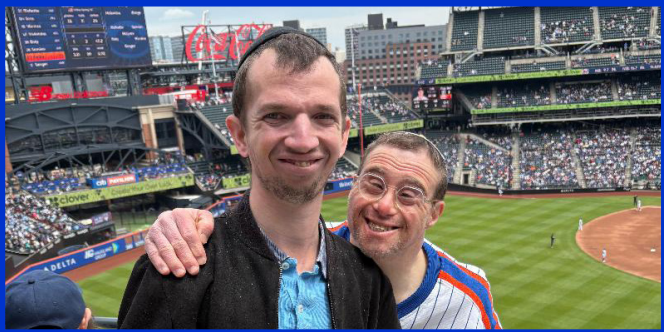
**Q: What do you call an alligator in a vest?**

A: An Investigator!

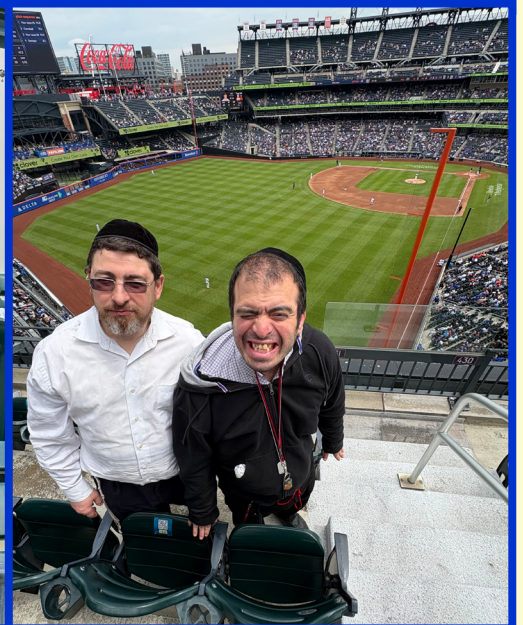
**Q: Where do crayons go on vacation?**

A: Color-ado!

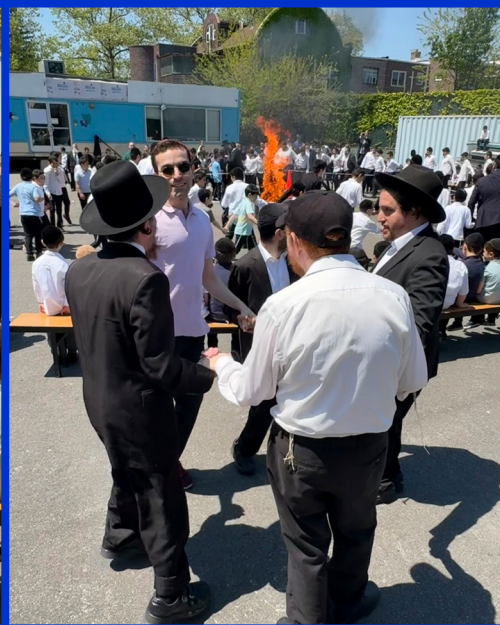
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