

פרשת בהעלותך

June 5, 2026

This week in review!

We have had a lot of excitement happening at the Chevra! Our main event and biggest highlight, of course was our annual Shabbaton! More on that in just a bit - hold on to your seats!

Prior to the Shabbaton, we baked delicious chocolate chip cookies with **Anat**. We carefully followed the recipe, measured the ingredients, and mixed everything together before baking. Once they were finished, we enjoyed eating some of the cookies warm, right after they came out of the oven. We then packed up the remaining cookies and brought them along to enjoy as a snack during the Shabbaton. The following week, we made our own homemade pizzas. Everyone had the opportunity to choose their favorite toppings and create a personalized pizza. The pizzas came out looking and smelling delicious, and we had a great time making them together.

On to the main event, as you all know the Chevra went on an unforgettable Shabbaton with Mesivta Ateres Yaakov at Camp Romimu.

The Chevra had a super uplifting Shabbos that we most probably will never forget! On Friday morning when everyone arrived at the Chevra with their luggage, the excitement radiated from everyone's faces. Anticipation for the upcoming Shabbaton was a sight to see. We then split the group up, double checked that we had everything, and made our way to Camp Romimu in Monticello, NY. It was a nice and relaxing drive with beautiful views and cool breezes coming from the mountain air. The weather was absolutely gorgeous for most of the time during the weekend. Shabbos was amazing. On Friday we got started with a quick lunch at the camp before we went to the gym to play basketball. On the way back to the bunk house we stopped off at the game





room. As it was getting closer to Shabbos, the Chevra guys put on their special Shabbos clothing and headed to the Bais Midrash for Mincha and Kabalas Shabbos. The atmosphere was very uplifting with singing and dancing together with the entire yeshiva. **Rabbi Benzion Klatzko**, Shlita was the guest Rabbi at the Shabbaton and gave a Drasha in between Mincha and Kabalas Shabbos. There must have been over 250 people in the Shul. Rabbi Klatzko shared a meaningful drasha about how fortunate we are to have Shabbos and what a special gift it is from Hashem. He explained that at the beginning of Shabbos, we light two separate candles, and then during Shabbos we have braided challahs, symbolizing coming together as one. He also noted that at the conclusion of Shabbos, during Havdalah, we use a braided candle with joined flames, representing the connection we have built with Shabbos throughout the day. The drasha was followed by a wonderful Seudas Shabbos filled with zemiros, great conversation and delicious food.

On Shabbos morning, despite going to sleep quite late the night before, the Chevra members were up on time for Shachris. In fact, some even had a few extra minutes to enjoy a cup of coffee before heading into the shul. After davening, we enjoyed a beautiful Kiddush together. Following Kiddush and before lunch, the Chevra shared words of Torah and participated in a discussion about the weekly Parsha with **Nachum Rosenman**. It was a meaningful opportunity to learn and reflect together. After lunch, we took a walk to another part of the camp. From a scenic spot at the top of a staircase leading toward additional baseball fields, we were treated to breathtaking views of the campgrounds. Looking out over the area, we were able to appreciate the beauty of the surroundings and enjoy a relaxing Shabbos afternoon together. The action continued with a beautiful Havdalah where the Menahel, **Rabbi Yaffe** took out his guitar and started playing while **Rabbi Klatzko** was singing for all of the students and the Chevra. While the singing was going on, some of the Bachurim from Mesivta Ateres Yaakov took the Chevra guys and danced with them. A few of



them also picked up Nachum A on a chair! It was really nice! We then followed with sports on the camp grounds and some stayed up for a midnight BBQ. We made sure not to eat too much at the BBQ since it was late and we were soon going to sleep. After, the Chevra left the dining hall and headed back to the bunk house everyone was really tired since it was a long and fun filled day so we went to sleep. The following morning after waking up, we all davened, had breakfast, packed up our luggage and headed back to Brooklyn. This Shabbaton was truly an amazing experience, especially when seeing all the smiles and happy faces. The memories from this Shabbaton will be spoken about for a long time at the Chevra. The following day, the guys were reminiscing about the Shabbaton and even started talking about plans for the next one!

We would like to thank our Shabbaton staff- **Nachum R, Ben, Dovid & Chaim** for all of their amazing hard work and dedication over this past Shabbos. Just on Shabbos day alone the staff were up with the individuals from 6 am all the way to 1:30 am (the next day) with no exaggeration! They did this all with a smile and without them the Shabbaton could not have been possible. Thank you!

A big thank you to all of the parents! Not a single individual was without what they needed for the Shabbaton. Everyone arrived well-prepared and packed with everything they could possibly need! Your preparation helped make the entire Shabbaton run smoothly. A special shout-out goes to **Lipa Spira** for all of his help throughout the Shabbaton. From assisting the staff with unloading the vans when we arrived to helping pack everything back up at the end, Lipa was always ready to lend a hand. His positive attitude and willingness to help made a big difference all Shabbos long.

The Chevra guys also displayed outstanding Middos throughout the entire Shabbaton. The compliments from staff, Rabbeim, and other attendees seemed never-ending. It was truly wonderful to see the Chevra representing themselves and our program so beautifully. A special thank you to **Rabbi Horowitz** of Mesivta Ateres Yaakov for



taking such a genuine interest in the Chevra, as he does every year. Throughout Shabbos, he regularly stopped by to say hello, engage with the guys, and make them feel valued and important. He even shared a meaningful D'var Torah with us at Shabbos lunch. His warmth and kindness were greatly appreciated. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to **Rabbi Drebin** of Mesivta Ateres Yaakov for coordinating the Shabbaton together with Hillel. Rabbi Drebin continuously checked in with the Chevra throughout Shabbos, making sure we were comfortable, accommodated, and had everything we needed. His dedication and attention to detail helped make the Shabbaton such a success.

Thank you to everyone who played a role in making this Shabbaton such a memorable and meaningful experience!

Mazel Tov to **Simcha Lichtenstein** and his family on the birth of a baby girl to his sister, Estee & Yehuda! May the new addition bring endless joy to the entire family and grow up to give her parents much Nachas. May she be blessed to grow L'Torah, L'Chuppah, U'Lmaasim Tovim, and may the family share many happy and healthy occasions together.

Have a great Shabbos!

Mr. Kerper

A vort on the Parsha:

"Freedom shall be announced to land & all its inhabitants". Every servant shall return home to his family. All land that was sold should return to its original owner. Hashems commands us that transactions are cancelled with Yovel (a 50 year cycle in Eretz Yisroel). The land reverts back to the original owner at the close of Yom Kipper. Question: Why does Yovel begin 10 days after Rosh Hashana? What is so special about Yom Kipper that all property reverts following the fast? Answer: Yom Kipper is the day that is most appropriate for Tishuva, for it represents the idea that in the world of spirituality there is no sense of permanence. The desperate soul who feels he has no chance to change, begins the year with a clean slate. Even regarding financial situations there



is no permanency. Yovel is the Yom Kipper of the material world. [Source: Parsha Parables- Rabbi Mordechai Kamenetsky- 516.328.2490]

Shabbat Shalom!

Most memorable moments from the Shabbaton:

Gavriel- Walking around the camp grounds & davening in the big shul with everyone.

Nachum A- Eating the meals on Shabbas, being lifted up on the chair after Havdalah by the Yeshiva boys and the Zemiros.

Yidi- "I liked the food, dancing with the Yeshiva during Friday night davening and also enjoyed dancing during Havdalah. I also liked the Zemiros."

Hudy- Davening with the Yeshiva.

Simcha—The warmth from the Yeshiva on Shabbos and how friendly everyone was towards us. "I also really liked Rabbi Klatzko's Drasha's."

Shamshon- Rabbi Klatzko's speeches and the food.

Evan- Eating the meals on Shabbos and the Zemiros.

Lipa- "Everything! And meeting my nephew at the Shabbaton."

Tzvi L- "Everything! I really enjoyed everything about the Shabbaton and I can't wait until the next one."

Shmuel- Eating the meals on Shabbas and the Zemiros.

Tzvi W- "Dressing up for Shabbas and joining in with the Yeshiva. The Shabbaton was really nice, thank you Hillel for taking us."

A few jokes for you...

Q: Where does a camper keep his money?

A: In the river bank!

Q: Why are people who go camping on April 1 always tired?

A: Because they just finished a March!

Q: Why can't you tell a joke to an egg?

A: It might crack up!

Q: Why did the boy throw his clock out the window?

A: Because he wanted to see time fly!

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