

פרשת תזריע-מצורע

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## This week in review!

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable Pesach! It's so nice to see everyone back! After a long break the Chevra got right back into the thick of things by kicking it off with a trip to the NY Auto Show! This show only takes place once a year so you can imagine the anticipation the guys had to attend. Before we left, we prepared sandwiches, brought some snacks and drinks and headed down to the Jacob Javits Center on 34th Street. Once we got into the four level, 760,000 square foot building, the guys split into groups and started touring the showroom floor. There were so many types of cars, from entry level subcompacts to expensive Rolls Royce's. In this show you can go into virtually every car that is displayed and the guys had a blast getting behind the driver's seat and passenger seats of all types of vehicles. It was funny to watch as some of the Chevra members were actually inspecting every detail of the cars as they were checking out the trunks, looking at the engines under the hoods and going through all aspects of the interior! For a minute we thought the guys were ready to make a purchase! The Chevra would have had no issue with purchasing a new van as they had their eyes fixed on shiny newly remodeled 15 passenger vans. Besides for the hundreds upon hundreds of amazing cars to see there were also some computer simulated exhibits on multiple floors which resulted in more action packed fun. We were able to cover the entire show and the guys truly enjoyed it!

Later on in the week, we took a trip to the beautiful Brooklyn Botanical Gardens!





It was amazing! The timing could not have been more perfect as there were exhibits of illustrious trees in full bloom! We saw tulips, roses and cherry blossom trees all over. It truly was a sight to see. The light breeze, sounds of birds chirping and the warm sun shining down put everyone in a state of calmness that we all needed. Some of us were surprised when we learned that the Brooklyn Botanical gardens is on a top review list on major traveling and tourist sites encouraging people from all over to visit. We were discussing how we take it for granted that we have some of the most amazing attractions for us to experience right here in our backyard! The Chevra was also glad to enjoy our picnic lunch at the Botanical gardens to finish off the tranquil day. The Chevra went back to our weekly karate and music classes which went off without a hitch. During karate, **Sensi Dennis** had the guys continue with some of our light jogging exercise routines and then some jumping jacks. They also worked on practicing the different types of karate punches and kicks which we have learned in the past and continue to practice. At the Brooklyn Conservatory of music, the instructor started to give the guys some short individual guitar lessons. It was nice for the guys to get some one on one time yet be part of the group. With some assistance, they played guitar while the rest of the group sang along. The guys really enjoyed!

Back at Otsar, in honor of Rosh Chodesh we baked a delicious potato kugel with **Anat**. With everyone's participation we peeled dozens of potatoes, threw it in the blender with all of the ingredients and then baked it in the oven. Of course the Chevra room smelled so good while it was baking and it tasted delicious when we ate it on Rosh Chodesh!

We would like to wish a happy birthday to **Shmuel Zakon** over Pesach, Ad Me'ah Ve'esrim Shanah!





**Special announcement:** Save the date! The Shabbos of May 19th to May 21st the Chevra will I"YH be going on a Shabbaton!

We will be joining Mesivta Ateres Yaakov at Camp Romimu. The guys are so excited and can't wait to go! Please stay tuned and look out for the email regarding the Shabbaton details and all of the necessary paperwork that will be attached.

Have a wonderful Shabbos and a Chodesh Tov!

**Mr. Kerper**

### **A thought on Parshas Tazria:**

A leper is brought to Aharon the Kohen. This was one of the purposes of this misfortune: That this man should have some contact with the Kohen. He had previously come to the Kohanim that teach Torah to the Yidden, he may not have needed the agony of the leprosy. Now that he has come into contact with the Kohen, a great change might occur in this man's life. This plan of Hashem's was used when King Hizkiah neglected the duty of marrying and begetting children. In order to bring Yeshaya the prophet to rebuke the king, the king fell ill and Yeshaya visited Hizkiah. The king's illness was intentionally sent for the purpose of the meeting with the prophet. A person who became ill and while in the hospital met a Torah scholar is an example of this idea.

*[Source: A kingdom of Kohanim - Rav Avigdor Miller]*

**[Note: Yartzit of Rav Miller ZT'L is this week]**

Enjoy Menuchas Shabbos!

Sincerely,

**Rabbi Gross**





## A few jokes for you...

**Q. Which animal never scores a goal in Eretz Yisroel?**

A. A tar-no- goal (rooster)

**Q. How did Benjamin Franklin feel when he discovered electricity?**

A. He was shocked!

**Q. What Brachah do you say on Amazon Prime packages?**

A: Bircas H- Amazon!

## Our Discussions around the Table...

As we ate our lunch, we asked everyone who went to the NY Auto Show what their favorite type of car/company was at the show...

**Tzvi W-** said that he liked the entire motorcycle section at the show.

**Shmuel-** liked going in and out of all the cars!

**Hudy-** thought the dark blue station wagon was pretty cool.

**Akiva-** said "I liked the BMW 3 series convertible in blue".

**Gaveriel-** mentioned that he liked all the big vans.

**Shlomo-** didn't have a favorite car, but he liked the car driving simulators.

**Lipa-** with his expensive taste said the Masarati Ghibli was his favorite car.

**Yidi -**said that his favorite car was a limousine but there were none to be found in the entire show! Guess they are out of style!

**Shamshon-** said that he likes all family style vans and chose the Toyota Sienna as his top pick.



# My Auto Show!





# *Cheera visits Botanical Gardens!*

