



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

BO: CANINE-A-HORA!



DURING THE DRAMATIC TALE OF THE EXODUS, THE TORAH TELLS US THAT DOGS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE AND DIDN'T BARK. A LITTLE LATER IN THE TORAH, WE ARE TOLD THAT THE MEAT THAT WE CANNOT EAT CAN BE FED TO DOGS. BUT WHY DOGS?



WELL, THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS WE CAN DISPOSE OF MEAT THAT IS NOT KOSHER FOR US BUT THE TORAH MENTIONS DOGS TO TEACH US SOMETHING. RASHI EXPLAINS THAT THE DOGS BEING CAREFUL NOT TO BARK IN EGYPT WAS NOT NATURAL FOR THEM AND WAS DIFFICULT. WE SHOULD RECOGNISE THAT AND SHOW THEM APPRECIATION WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THE TORAH WANTS US TO REMEMBER THAT NO GOOD DEED, EVEN BY AN ANIMAL, SHOULD GO UNREWARDED.

Frank was the security guard at a large meat factory. Every night, Jack the manager was the last one out.

BUT JACK, RABBI FLEISH HASN'T LEFT YET.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? EVERYONE LEFT AT LEAST 2 HOURS AGO.

NO SIR, I AM TELLING YOU THE RABBI HASN'T LEFT YET.

GOODNIGHT FRANK, YOU CAN LOCK UP NOW.

IF YOU INSIST, LET'S GO AND LOOK FOR HIM.

The security guard and the manager searched the factory high and low but there was no sign of Rabbi Fleish.

WOW FRANK, YOU SAVED THE RABBI'S LIFE. BUT THERE ARE OVER 200 STAFF IN THIS FACTORY. HOW ON EARTH DID YOU KNOW THE RABBI HADN'T LEFT YET?

EVERY MORNING, RABBI FLEISH COMES IN AND SAYS HELLO. BEFORE HE LEAVES AT NIGHT, HE ALWAYS GREET'S ME AND WISHES ME A PLEASANT EVENING. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE PASS ME EVERY DAY AND IGNORE ME. BUT RABBI FLEISH KNOWS THAT I'M A PERSON. I WAIT EVERY NIGHT FOR HIS KIND WORDS SO I KNEW HE MUST STILL BE INSIDE.

Finally, they came to the large walk-in freezer.

OH MY GOODNESS! YOU MUST BE FREEZING! I'M SO GLAD WE FOUND YOU.



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