



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

KI TAVO: BIKKURIM - FIRST FRUITS!



THIS WEEK'S PARASHA DESCRIBES THE EXCITING MITZVAH OF **BIKKURIM** - FIRST FRUITS.

IT SOUNDS SO SPECIAL - I WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN IT. LET'S FLY BACK IN TIME AND WATCH WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.



TIME PORTAL



ALL YEAR FARMER AVRAHAM PRAYED FOR RAIN. HE LOOKED AFTER HIS FIELDS AND WAITED FOR THE FRUIT TO GROW.

EVERY DAY HE WOULD CHECK TO SEE IF THE FRUIT WAS RIPE.

WE DO OUR BEST TO MAKE THE **BIKKURIM** BASKET BEAUTIFUL.



LOOK! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS. IT'S THE VERY FIRST BUD IN WHOLE ORCHARD. THIS WILL BE THE FRUIT FOR **BIKKURIM**. I'LL TIE A RED STRING AROUND IT SO WE'LL STILL KNOW THIS WAS THE FIRST, EVEN WHEN THE TREE IS FULL OF FRUIT.

FINALLY, THE POMEGRANATES ARE RIPE - WE CAN PICK OUR **BIKKURIM** FRUIT AND TAKE THEM TO THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH** IN JERUSALEM.

COME CHILDREN, LET'S ALL HELP DECORATE THE BASKET THAT YOUR MUM HAS WOVEN. SOME PEOPLE EVEN USE GOLD OR SILVER FOR SUCH A SPECIAL MITZVAH!



OUR **BIKKURIM** ARE READY! NOW WE CAN TAKE THEM TO JERUSALEM.

WE'LL ALL COME WITH! PUT ON YOUR BEST CLOTHES CHILDREN AND BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS TO MAKE MUSIC ON THE WAY.

CAN I MAKE THE WREATH FOR THE OX?

WE ARE TAKING OUR **BIKKURIM** TO JERUSALEM - COME AND JOIN US!



JERUSALEM



BRINGING **BIKKURIM** REMINDS US THAT ALTHOUGH WE HAVE WORKED HARD TO PRODUCE OUR FRUIT, IT WAS GOD WHO SENT THE RAIN AND MADE THEM GROW. WE HAVE BROUGHT OUR VERY FIRST FRUITS TO GOD - TO THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH** TO SAY THANK YOU.

DID YOU KNOW THAT **BIKKURIM** CAN ONLY BE BROUGHT FROM THE **SHIVAT HANINIM** - THE SEVEN SPECIES THAT ARE SPECIAL TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL. DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY ARE?

Answer: wheat, barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives, dates.