



# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

KORACH: PSALMTHING SPECIAL!



IN THIS WEEK'S PARASHA WE HAVE THE REBELLION OF **KORACH** AND HIS FOLLOWERS. MANY GOOD PEOPLE GOT SWEEP AWAY WITH **KORACH'S** FIGHT AND CAME TO A BITTER END.

WE SHOULD ALWAYS TRY TO THINK FOR OURSELVES AND NOT JUST FOLLOW THE CROWD. **NATAN SHARANSKY** IS SOMEONE WHO DID JUST THAT EVEN UNDER THE MOST DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES.



Communist Russian rule did not allow Jews to practise Judaism or keep **mitzvot**.

**Sharansky's** wife **Avital**, had a book of **Tehillim** (Psalms) written by **King David** 3000 years ago that had been very meaningful to her in her fight to have **Natan** released. It took three years for the authorities to give **Sharansky** permission to have the book.

Although the Hebrew words were complex, **Sharansky** found that they spoke to him.

IT WAS SUCH A POWERFUL FEELING, AS IF **KING DAVID** HIMSELF, TOGETHER WITH MY WIFE, TOGETHER WITH MY FRIENDS, CAME TO PRISON TO SAVE ME FROM THIS, AND TO SUPPORT ME.



**Natan Sharansky** spent many years alone in prison for the crime of being a **Refusenik**, being Jewish and wanting to live in Israel instead of Russia.



I FELT THAT WITH THE **TEHILLIM** BOOK WITH ME, NOTHING COULD HAPPEN. I FOUGHT EVERY TIME THE GUARDS TOOK IT AWAY.



When it was finally time for him to be released, **Natan Sharansky** asked for his **Psalm** book.

SUDDENLY IT FELT AS IF **KING DAVID**, 3000 YEARS AGO, WAS SENDING ME A MESSAGE TO BE STRONG.



THAT WAS A VERY POWERFUL FEELING, AND IT GAVE ME A LOT OF STRENGTH.



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YOU RECEIVED EVERYTHING THAT WAS PERMITTED.

**Natan Sharansky** wouldn't take **NO** for an answer...



I WON'T MOVE UNTIL YOU GIVE ME BACK MY **PSALM** BOOK.



GIVE ME BACK MY **PSALM** BOOK.

AFTER MUCH EFFORT, **SHARANSKY** FINALLY GOT HIS **PSALM** BOOK, THE ONLY THING HE TOOK WITH HIM FROM **SOVIET** **RUSSIA**. **SHARANSKY** SHOWS US AN AMAZING EXAMPLE OF COURAGE AND FAITH IN OUR BELIEFS.



Some Psalms can be found in the **Tribe Shevet Asher Siddur** pages 256-258



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