



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

THE OMER



WHEN THE TORAH DESCRIBES **KOSHER AND NON-KOSHER ANIMALS, BIRDS AND FISH, ONE NON-KOSHER BIRD THAT IS MENTIONED IS THE CHASIDA BIRD. CHASIDA COMES FROM THE WORD CHESED, AS THE CHASIDA BIRD DISPLAYED CHESED TO ITS OWN KIND. OUR RABBIS TEACH US THAT TRUE CHESED IS TO ANYONE - EVEN THOSE WHO ARE NOT LIKE YOU. RABBI ARYEH LEVIN IS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF THIS...**



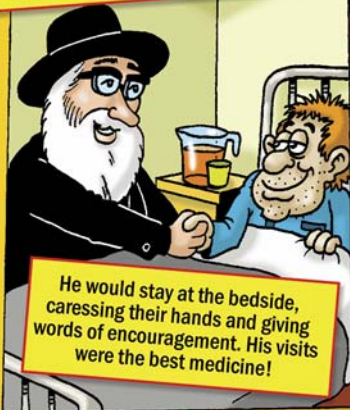
Rabbi Aryeh Levin (1885-1969) was known for his love of every single person, particularly those that other people might neglect. Every week he would visit the prisons and the hospitals and spend much time with those that some others wanted to stay away from. He would go out of his way to help anyone.



On Fridays he would go round the hospitals of Jerusalem to visit the sick. But his first stop was always the nurses...

TELL ME, WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY VISITORS THIS WEEK?

Rabbi Levin would make a point of spending a long time with anyone who had no relatives or visitors.



He would stay at the bedside, caressing their hands and giving words of encouragement. His visits were the best medicine!



Reb Aryeh was also fondly known as 'Father of the Prisoners' for his endless work with those in prison...



and 'Tzaddik of Jerusalem' for his efforts on behalf of the sick and the poor.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PERIOD OF SEFIRAT HAOMER - COUNTING THE OMER WHICH IS BETWEEN PESACH AND SHAVUOT. DURING THE OMER WE TRY AND FOCUS ON HOW WE BEHAVE TOWARDS OTHERS. LET'S TRY AND BE LIKE RABBI ARYEH LEVIN AND LOOK FOR CHESED OPPORTUNITIES WHEREVER WE CAN.



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