

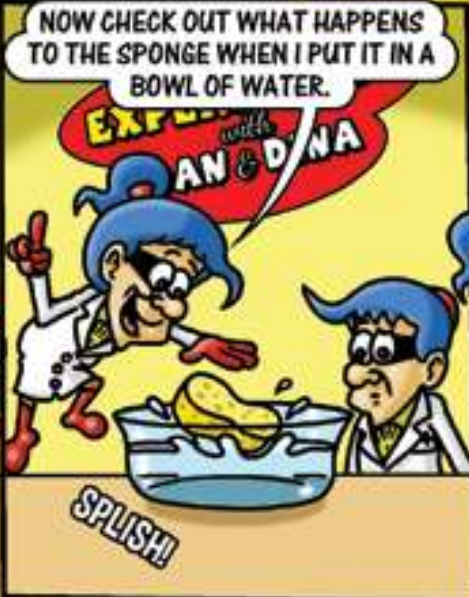


# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

ACHAREI MOT - KEDOSHIM: SCIENCE FACT!



SEE THIS SPONGE? FEEL IT - IT'S NICE AND LIGHT.



NOW CHECK OUT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SPONGE WHEN I PUT IT IN A BOWL OF WATER.

SPLISH!



LOOK! THE SPONGE FLOATS.

YEP. AND IT'S FILLING UP WITH WATER.



OOH! I WANT TO FEEL IT NOW. I WONDER IF IT FEELS THE SAME WHEN IT'S WET.



NOW THE SPONGE IS FULL OF WATER AND MUCH, MUCH HEAVIER THAN BEFORE.



RIGHT. AND IF YOU POP IT BACK IN THE BOWL, THIS TIME, INSTEAD OF FLOATING, IT SINKS.

SPLOOSH!



BUT IF I SQUEEZE THE WATER OUT, ONCE MORE IT'S NICE AND LIGHT AND IT FLOATS.



ONE OF THE MITZVOT IN THE SECOND OF THIS WEEK'S PARASHIYOT, KEDOSHIM, IS NOT HOLDING A GRUDGE. BEARING A GRUDGE IS LIKE CARRYING A HEAVY LOAD ALONG. WHEN WE RESENT SOMEONE, IT MAKES US FEEL BURDENED AND LOW. LIKE THE HEAVY SPONGE FULL OF WATER...

...JUST LIKE WITH THE SPONGE, SQUEEZE OUT THE WATER AND THE HEAVINESS IS GONE. GET RID OF A GRUDGE AND YOU SQUEEZE OUT THE BURDEN, LEAVING YOU ABLE TO FLOAT THROUGH LIFE MORE POSITIVELY.