



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

THE THREE WEEKS: WRONG ADDRESS!



THIS WEEK IS THE **FAST OF TAMMUZ**, WHICH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE THREE WEEKS. AT THIS TIME OF YEAR WE FOCUS ON MOURNING THE LOSS OF THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH**/TEMPLE. THE TALMUD TEACHES US THAT THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH** WAS DESTROYED BECAUSE OF **SINAT CHINAM** - HATRED FOR NO REASON.

TO PUT THIS RIGHT, WE USE THIS TIME OF YEAR TO DO THE OPPOSITE OF **SINAT CHINAM** WHICH IS CALLED **AHAVAT CHINAM**. **AHAVAT CHINAM** MEANS ACTING IN A LOVING WAY TO SOMEONE FOR NO REASON. JUST BEING KIND TO THEM BECAUSE THEY'RE THERE. THE TALMUD TELLS THIS STORY ABOUT **SINAT CHINAM** WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH**. IT REMINDS US HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO LOOK OUT FOR OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS. HOW CAN YOU PRACTISE **AHAVAT CHINAM**?



Once, a rich man decided to throw a party. He sent his servant to deliver invitations to all his friends

The servant mistakenly delivered the invitation for his friend Kamtza, to the home of Bar Kamtza, his enemy.

LOOK! IT'S FROM MY ENEMY! MAYBE HE WANTS TO MAKE PEACE.



BAR KAMTZA! MY ENEMY! HOW DARE YOU COME AND CRASH MY PARTY?! GET OUT!

BUT YOU INVITED ME!

I'M HERE ALREADY. IT'S EMBARRASSING TO LEAVE NOW. LET ME STAY AND I'LL PAY FOR WHATEVER I EAT AND DRINK.



Bar Kamtza was fuming that no-one at the party, not even the Rabbis, stood up for him. They just allowed the scene to unfold. Bar Kamtza wanted revenge and stirred up trouble with the Romans against the Jewish people. His actions contributed to the Roman destruction of the **Beit Hamikdash**.



tribe
www.tribeuk.com

Tribe is the Young People's Department of the United Synagogue: Creating a future for our community through engaging, educating and inspiring the next generation.

Page Editor: Sharon Radley. Writer: Shira Chaik. Cartoonist: Paul Solomonis