



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

EKEV: WATER WISDOM!



RABBI AKIVA WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST TORAH TEACHERS OF ALL TIME, BUT THIS WASN'T ALWAYS THE CASE. HERE IS THE STORY OF HOW HE WAS INSPIRED TO START HIS JEWISH EDUCATION AT AGE 40!

One day **Akiva** was standing by a well when he noticed a rock that looked as though it was carved.

WHO WAS STRONG ENOUGH TO SHAPE THE ROCK LIKE THIS?



A wise man answered him...

CAN YOU SEE HOW THE DROPS OF WATER FALL ONTO THE STONE?

OVER MANY YEARS, THAT CONSTANT DRIP OF WATER MAKES A DENT IN THE ROCK.



IF THE STEADY DRIP OF SOFT WATER IS ABLE TO MAKE A DENT IN SOMETHING AS HARD AS STONE, IMAGINE WHAT A DIFFERENCE THE PRECIOUS WORDS OF TORAH CAN MAKE TO MY HEART?



RABBI AKIVA REALISED THAT NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT SOMETHING IS, IF WE WORK REALLY HARD AT IT WE CAN MAKE A CHANGE.

HE DECIDED TO START LEARNING TORAH WHEN HE WAS 40 AND STILL BECAME ONE OF THE GREATEST TORAH LEADERS EVER.

Page Editor: Sharon Radley
Writer: Shira Chalk
Cartoonist: Paul Solomons



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.