



# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

KI TISA: WINE? WINE NOT?



IN THIS WEEK'S PARASHA WE READ ABOUT THE MITZVA OF THE HALF SHEKEL THAT WAS USED FOR BUILDING THE MISHKAN. EVERY MAN HAD TO BRING THE SAME AMOUNT - HALF A SHEKEL. NO MATTER HOW IMPORTANT, YOUNG OR OLD, KING OR SERVANT - THEY ALL HAD TO BRING THE SAME AMOUNT. THIS REMINDS US OF THE VALUE OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL. WE ARE ALL IMPORTANT AND WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT ROLES. WHEN WE COME TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE GREAT THINGS!

LONG AGO, IN A FAR AWAY LAND, THERE WAS A VILLAGE THAT WAS FAMOUS FOR ITS WINE. ALL THE VILLAGERS HAD VINEYARDS AND MADE WINE. PEOPLE WOULD COME FROM FAR AND WIDE TO BUY AND TASTE THEIR WINE.



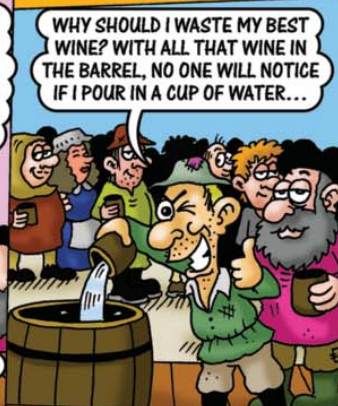
ONE DAY, THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED THAT THE KING WAS PLANNING A VISIT.



WE WILL PREPARE A VERY SPECIAL WINE IN HONOUR OF THE KING'S VISIT. A BLEND OF ALL OUR WINES - THE FINEST IN THE LAND.



EVERYONE MUST BRING ONE CUP OF THEIR FINEST WINE AND POUR IT IN THE BARREL.



WHY SHOULD I WASTE MY BEST WINE? WITH ALL THAT WINE IN THE BARREL, NO ONE WILL NOTICE IF I POUR IN A CUP OF WATER...



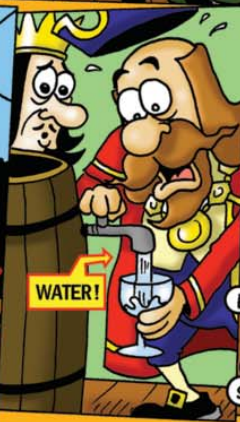
DO YOU THINK THE KING WILL MISS ONE CUP OF WINE IN THAT GIANT BLEND? OF COURSE NOT! I'LL POUR IN A CUP OF WATER AND NOT HAVE TO USE UP MY WINE.

AND SO IT WENT ON...



Welcome Your Majesty!

YOUR MAJESTY, I AM PROUD TO PRESENT YOU A BLEND OF THE FINEST WINE IN THE LAND.



WATER!



EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT THEIR CONTRIBUTION WOULDN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THE HALF SHEKEL TEACHES US THAT WE ALL COUNT!



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