



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

NASSO: PLODDING ALONG!



THIS WEEK'S PARASHA, **NASSO**, IS THE LONGEST PARASHA IN THE TORAH - IT HAS **2264** WORDS.

FOR A LONG TIME I WAS SURE I WOULD NEVER MAKE IT TO THE **TRIBE'S TISHREI'S GOT TALENT** QUIZ TEAM BUT THIS YEAR I DID! SOMETIMES WE GET STUCK WITH A BELIEF FOR A LONG TIME THAT WE CAN'T DO SOMETHING. THE STORY OF THE ELEPHANT SHOWS US THAT IF WE HAVE THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS, WE CAN REACH PLACES WE NEVER IMAGINED POSSIBLE...



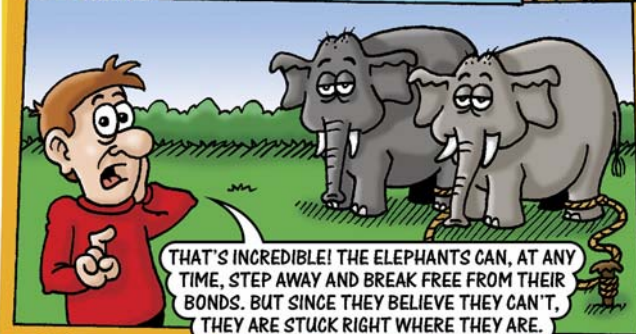
As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, amazed. The huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their back leg! No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at any time, break away. But for some reason, they did not.

WHY DON'T THE ELEPHANTS TRY AND BREAK FREE? THEY ARE CERTAINLY STRONGER THAN THOSE LITTLE ROPES!



WELL, WHEN THEY ARE VERY YOUNG AND MUCH SMALLER, WE USE THE SAME SIZE ROPE TO TIE THEM. AT THAT AGE IT'S ENOUGH TO HOLD THEM.

AS THEY GROW UP, THEY ARE CONDITIONED TO BELIEVE THAT THEY CANNOT BREAK AWAY. THEY BELIEVE THAT THE ROPE CAN STILL HOLD THEM, SO THEY NEVER TRY TO BREAK FREE.



THAT'S INCREDIBLE! THE ELEPHANTS CAN, AT ANY TIME, STEP AWAY AND BREAK FREE FROM THEIR BONDS. BUT SINCE THEY BELIEVE THEY CAN'T, THEY ARE STUCK RIGHT WHERE THEY ARE.

LIKE THE ELEPHANTS, HOW MANY OF US GO THROUGH LIFE HANGING ONTO A BELIEF THAT WE CANNOT DO SOMETHING, SIMPLY BECAUSE WE FAILED AT IT ONCE BEFORE?



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