



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

BESHALACH: LADY J - SPREADING SUNSHINE!

THIS SHABBAT IS ALSO KNOWN AS **SHABBAT SHIRA** – THE **SHABBAT** OF SONG. THE **PARASHA** THIS WEEK DESCRIBES THE **SONG OF THE SEA** THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE SANG TO THANK GOD FOR THEIR SAFE ARRIVAL THROUGH THE SPLIT SEA AND OUT THE OTHER SIDE.



THE **TORAH** TEACHES US THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN, LED BY **MIRIAM**, THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE WERE SAVED FROM EGYPT. THEREFORE, SOME **SHULS** CHOOSE THIS **SHABBAT** TO HONOUR AND CELEBRATE WOMEN IN THEIR COMMUNITY, AS '**WOMEN'S SHABBAT**'.



Lady Amelie Jakobovits, known affectionately as 'Lady J', was a remarkable lady. Married to Chief Rabbi Lord Immanuel Jakobovits, Lady J managed to inspire every person she met.



"She fled from the Nazis. She wasn't blessed with financial wealth. And she didn't have a university degree. But she had faith, a caring soul and a love of life. She knew who she was and what was right. And she strove for peace and harmony not perfection."

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Lady J was always concerned that people should not just be living for themselves. There was no **I** in her life. She used to say, "**We're here for a purpose. We're here to help other people around us.**"



She made everyone feel special. She would walk out of a charity dinner and make sure to thank every person from **CST** doing security.



She would go the extra mile to make someone feel special. For example, when sending a thank you gift to guest speaker **David Horovitz** (then editor of **The Jerusalem Post**) she phoned his mother to find out exactly what variety of chocolates he liked. She then had them delivered to his hotel – the most personal gesture of his career.



Lady J was famous for '**doing it right away**'! When she heard that someone was sick, she would visit or call right there and then.

LADY J PERSONIFIED 'SAY A LITTLE, DO A LOT'. MANY PEOPLE THINK ABOUT DOING THINGS, **LADY J** ACTUALLY DID THEM. WITH KINDNESS AND SENSITIVITY. FROM VISITING SOMEONE WHO HAD JUST BEEN BEREAVED OR CALLING SOMEONE WHO HAD MADE **ALIYAH** TO SEE HOW THEY WERE SETTLING IN. SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO SPREAD A BIT MORE SUNSHINE IN THE WORLD.



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