



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

EIKEY: PRAYER POWER!



WE LEARN THE **MITZVAH** OF PRAYER FROM THIS WEEK'S **PARASHA** BUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE DETAILS, THE STORY OF **CHANA** GIVES US GREAT OF INSIGHT INTO PRAYER POINTS.

PRAY TELLI! JOIN US AS WE WHIZ BACK THOUSANDS OF YEARS TO THE TIME OF THE **NEVIIM** (PROPHETS) TO HEAR ABOUT **CHANA** AND HER POWERFUL PRAYER.



Chana was extremely sad. She was married to **Elkanah** for many years and didn't have any children. She decided to go to the **Mishkan** (Tabernacle) when they were in **Shiloh** and pour out her heart to God.

Chana prayed and prayed. She promised that if she had a son, she would dedicate his life to God. She was so overwhelmed with emotions that she did not speak out loud. She prayed silently, only her lips moved.

Eli, the **Kohen Gadol**, saw her silently murmuring, thought she was drunk and told her off.



NO, I AM NOT DRUNK, I AM A WOMAN IN GREAT DISTRESS - I HAVE JUST POURED OUT MY HEART TO GOD.

Chana's prayers were answered, she was blessed with a child, **Shmuel** (Samuel). **Chana's** style of prayer was so powerful, that it became the way that all Jews have prayed the **Amidah** prayer ever since.



Eli realised he made a mistake.

GO IN PEACE. MAY GOD ANSWER YOUR PRAYERS!



THE **GEMARA** (TALMUD) TEACHES US SOME IMPORTANT IDEAS ABOUT PRAYER THAT WE LEARN FROM **CHANA**.

1. SHE PRAYED **FROM THE HEART** - WE NEED TO BE SINCERE WHEN WE TALK TO GOD.
2. ONLY HER LIPS MOVED - THE **AMIDAH** PRAYER IS SAID QUIETLY BUT WE STILL NEED TO PRONOUNCE THE WORDS.
3. **ELI** THOUGHT SHE WAS DRUNK - IF YOU'RE DRUNK YOU CAN'T PRAY!

CHANA TEACHES US THAT WE CAN USE WHATEVER GOES ON IN OUR LIFE TO COME CLOSER TO GOD THROUGH PRAYER.



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