

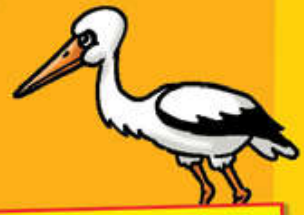


# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

SHEMINI: KINDNESS ALL ROUND!



THIS WEEK'S PARASHA DISCUSSES KOSHER AND NON-KOSHER ANIMALS AND BIRDS. ONE OF THE NON-KOSHER BIRDS MENTIONED, THE CHASIDA BIRD, SHOWS KINDNESS BUT ONLY TO ITS TO OWN KIND. THIS TRUE STORY SHOWS US A WONDERFUL CONTRAST.



At the meeting...

Sol Werdiger, busy NY businessman (CEO of Outerstuff) and kind and caring community activist, was most surprised to receive a call from Mr Oh Joon, South Korea's Ambassador to the United Nations, inviting him to a meeting.



I HAVE ALWAYS HAD NEGATIVE STEREOTYPES ABOUT ISRAEL - THAT'S JUST THE WAY IT WAS. BUT RECENTLY MY DAUGHTER HAS BEEN AN INTERN IN YOUR COMPANY. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR SHE HAS BEEN TELLING ME HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO WORK FOR YOU. PARTICULARLY IN 4 AREAS:

1. Everyday at 1.30pm, whatever is going on at the office, all those who want to pray stop their work and go, with others from nearby offices, to a room where they pray with sincerity and calm.



2. Every Friday, the office closes early in the afternoon in preparation for your holy Sabbath and is closed on Saturday. This includes all workers, whatever their faith or religion.



3. My daughter noticed that there were many people who came to ask for charity. Every person was treated with respect and left with a cheque.

4. My daughter was treated with utmost respect and dignity.



PLEASE LET ME PAY YOU BACK FOR ALL MY DAUGHTER'S EARNINGS.



ABSOLUTELY NOT! YOUR DAUGHTER WORKED HARD AND EARNED HER SALARY - SHE DESERVES HER PAY. I WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY PAYMENT.

AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE VOTING RIGHTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS. BECAUSE OF MY NEW APPRECIATION OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE I ABSTAINED FROM VOTING AGAINST ISRAEL ON THREE OCCASIONS, WHEN MY GOVERNMENT GAVE ME THE CHOICE. ONE OF THE TIMES, IT WAS MY VOTE THAT PREVENTED A RESOLUTION BEING PASSED AGAINST ISRAEL.



OF COURSE, MR WERDIGER AND HIS STAFF HAD NO IDEA WHO MR JOON'S DAUGHTER WAS, THEY JUST TREATED HER IN THE SAME WAY AS THEY DID ALL MEMBERS OF STAFF. BUT IT WAS ALL THE KINDNESS THAT RESULTED IN A FANTASTIC KIDDUSH HASHEM!