



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

SHEMOT: ICE SPY - A WATER BUCKET!

RABBI YISRAEL MEIR KAGAN (1839-1933) KNOWN AS THE **CHAFETZ CHAIM**, WAS FAMOUS FOR HIS SENSITIVITY TO OTHER PEOPLE. HIS BOOK ON THE LAWS OF **LASHON HARA** (NEGATIVE SPEECH) CHANGED THE WORLD. EVEN AS A CHILD, **RABBI KAGAN** WAS A MASTER OF KINDNESS - CHECK OUT HOW...



Before the days of plumbing and pipes, people relied on the **water carrier** to bring fresh water from the well to their homes every day. The water carrier would shlep the heavy buckets and deliver fresh water. At night he would leave the heavy buckets outside his house, ready for the next day.



WOULDN'T IT BE FUNNY IF WE FILLED YANKEL'S BUCKETS WITH WATER? WHEN HE COMES OUT IN THE MORNING TO DO HIS DELIVERIES THE BUCKETS WILL BE FROZEN SOLID - FULL OF ICE!



YES! HA HA! GOOD IDEA!

THE NEXT MORNING...



CHIP!
SMASH!

When little **Yisrael Meir** saw this happen again he decided to get involved. Once the boys had gone home, he quietly emptied out the water - so there'd be no ice in the morning.



Day after day the boys rushed to see the results of their prank and were amazed that nothing happened! Day after day **Yisrael Meir** made it his business to help someone else.

This week's **Parasha** shows us two examples of people choosing to get involved and make a difference. **Batya** chose to take **Moshe** out the Nile and bring him up in the palace and **Moshe** chose to leave the comfort of the palace to try and help the Jewish slaves.



BOTH **BATYA** AND **MOSHE** SHOW US HOW ONE PERSON'S IMPACT CAN BE HUGEY IMPORTANT.



LIKE **YISRAEL MEIR** IN THE STORY, THEIR ACTIONS WERE LIFE CHANGING FOR OTHER PEOPLE. EVERY SMALL ACTION PLAYS ITS PART. NEXT TIME YOU SEE SOMETHING THAT BOTHERS YOU, ASK YOURSELF, **IS THERE ANYTHING I COULD DO TO PUT THAT RIGHT?**

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