



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VA'ETCHANAN: GOING THE EXTRA MILE!



THIS WEEK'S PARASHA TEACHES US TO DO "WHAT IS PROPER AND GOOD IN THE EYES OF GOD" WHICH IS EXPLAINED TO MEAN - GOING BEYOND WHAT IS STRICTLY NECESSARY.

YES! CHECK OUT THIS TRUE STORY FOR ONE OF MY FAVOURITE EXAMPLES.

YOU MEAN GOING THE EXTRA MILE?

The Brisker Rav (Rabbi Soloveitchik 1800's) was well known for his sharp mind. One year, a man came to ask him a question the day before Pesach.



RABBI, MAY I USE MILK INSTEAD OF WINE FOR THE 4 CUPS AT THE SEDER?



WHY MILK? ARE YOU SICK? DID THE DOCTOR TELL YOU NOT TO DRINK WINE?

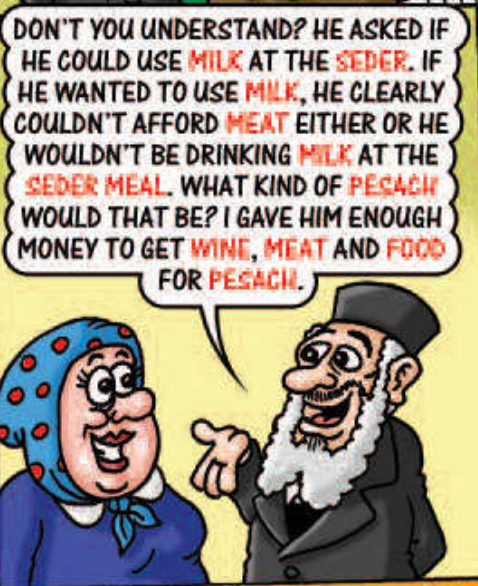
NO RABBI, I'M NOT SICK BUT I CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY WINE.



PLEASE GIVE THIS MAN 25 GOLD COINS.



WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GIVE HIM 25 GOLD COINS? WINE DOESN'T COST THAT MUCH. 5 GOLD COINS WOULD HAVE BEEN ENOUGH?!



DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? HE ASKED IF HE COULD USE MILK AT THE SEDER. IF HE WANTED TO USE MILK, HE CLEARLY COULDN'T AFFORD MEAT EITHER OR HE WOULDN'T BE DRINKING MILK AT THE SEDER MEAL. WHAT KIND OF PESACH WOULD THAT BE? I GAVE HIM ENOUGH MONEY TO GET WINE, MEAT AND FOOD FOR PESACH.



WOAI WELL SPOTTED! THAT IS DEFINITELY GOING THE EXTRA MILE! THAT'S MY KIND OF SUPERHERO!

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