



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VA'ERA: LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL!

On 23rd June 2018, after football practice, the young members of the **Wild Boars** football team and their coach went exploring a favourite haunt - the **Tham Luang Cave** in Chiang Rai province, Thailand.



They weren't to know that rain had caused the caves to flood. Instead of returning in an hour, the 13 of them (aged 11-16 and their coach) remained stuck in the cave for 2 weeks!



The world watched the story unfold, hoping for a happy ending. But as days passed, it seemed less and less likely.

In a dramatic rescue, with experts from many countries, they were eventually found safe and sound.



TWO WEEKS! STUCK IN A CAVE IN THE DARK WITH NO FOOD! I WOULD HAVE BEEN PETRIFIED AND MISERABLE.



When the group were finally found.... instead of screaming or crying, the boys were sitting quietly in the dark, meditating.



THE BOYS SAID THAT IT WAS THEIR COACH, WHO TAUGHT THEM TO MEDITATE AND LIFT THEIR SPIRITS UP THAT KEPT THEM GOING DURING THEIR ORDEAL. ALTHOUGH IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE - THEY WERE ALL RESCUED SAFELY.



IN THIS WEEK'S **PARASHA**, GOD PROMISES TO TAKE THE **JEWISH SLAVES** OUT OF EGYPT. NOW, IF YOU WERE TO ASK ANY BYSTANDER AT THE TIME, WHETHER THERE WAS ANY CHANCE THAT THE **JEWISH SLAVES** WOULD GO FREE AND THE MIGHTY **EGYPTIAN SUPERPOWER** WOULD CRUMBLE, THE ANSWER WOULD BE - **ABSOLUTELY NOT!**



SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE A SITUATION IS HOPELESS - WE CANNOT IMAGINE THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. BUT THIS WEEK'S **PARASHA** SHOWS US THAT GOD ALWAYS HAS A WAY TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN, EVEN WHEN THEY SEEM HOPELESS.

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