



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VAYECHI: WIN WIN!



DO YOU REMEMBER THE COMPETITION TO DESIGN AND BUILD A HOME FOR THE NEW SCHOOL RABBITS?

IT WAS SUCH A LOT OF WORK AND WE REALLY WANTED TO WIN. NOT ONLY WOULD THE WINNING DESIGN ACTUALLY BE CONSTRUCTED BUT THE WINNERS WERE GETTING TICKETS TO SUPERLAND!



I KNEW I COULDN'T DO IT ALONE AND NEITHER COULD YOU! FIRST YOU NEEDED EXCELLENT CREATIVE SKILLS TO COME UP WITH AN ORIGINAL DESIGN. THEN THERE WAS THE MATHS INVOLVED FOR THE ACCURATE ANGLES AND MEASUREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

1. ORIGINAL DESIGN
2. CONSTRUCTION
3. DECORATION

NOT TO MENTION THE DETAILS OF HOW IT WAS GOING TO BE DECORATED.

WHILST IT WAS OBVIOUS, WE COULDN'T WIN IT ALONE, WE KNEW THAT IF WE BOTH USED OUR DIFFERENT SKILLS, WE HAD A PRETTY GOOD CHANCE. DAN YOU'RE GREAT AT DESIGN.



AND DINA'S A WHIZ AT MATHS AND BETWEEN US WE BOTH WORKED ON THE DECORATIONS.

SO, I WORKED ON AN EXTRAVAGANT CASTLE DESIGN WITH TOWERS, TURRETS, A DRAW BRIDGE AND LOTS OF SLIDES! DINA DID ALL THE CALCULATIONS AND MEASUREMENTS AND WE BOTH DECIDED IT WOULD BE DECORATED IN OUR SCHOOL'S COLOURS.



WE SUBMITTED OUR MASTERPIECE AND EAGERLY WAITED FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT...

GUESS WHAT, WE WON! OUR TEAMWORK PAID OFF - WE WERE A GREAT PARTNERSHIP!



Rashi's commentary on this week's Parasha explains that Yaakov tells two of his sons, Yisachar and Zevulun, that they would be partners. Each had different strengths and talents. But instead of using them alone, they would work as a team and use them to help each other. Yisachar was the expert at teaching and learning Torah and Zevulun was a talented businessman.



Two different skill sets and expertise - both used to complement each other. Yisachar would teach Zevulun's family and share his wisdom. Zevulun would support Yisachar's family and be responsible for the finances. Win - win!

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