



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

TZAV: THANKS FROM ME!

THIS WEEK'S PARASHA DISCUSSES THE DIFFERENT OFFERINGS INCLUDING THE **KORBAN TODA**, A SPECIAL OFFERING JUST FOR SAYING THANK YOU. THE **TORAH** TEACHES US THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH! HERE'S ONE OF THE WAYS WE DO IT.

DID YOU KNOW THAT IN **SHUL**, DURING THE SERVICE, AFTER THE **AMIDA** (SILENT STANDING PRAYER), THE **CHAZAN** REPEATS THE **AMIDA** BLESSINGS OUT LOUD? THE **CHAZAN** DOES THIS REPETITION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY AND EVERYONE SAYS **AMEN**.



BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS ONE BLESSING THAT IS THE ODD ONE OUT? WHEN IT COMES TO THE **BERACHA** OF **MODIM**, THE THANK YOU PRAYER, INSTEAD OF JUST ANSWERING **AMEN**, THE COMMUNITY JOIN IN AND SAY THEIR OWN SPECIAL **MODIM** PRAYER.

BUT WHY IS THIS ONE BLESSING DIFFERENT TO ALL THE OTHERS? WHY CAN'T THE **CHAZAN**, OUR REPRESENTATIVE, SAY THE **MODIM BERACHA** FOR US JUST LIKE HE DOES FOR ALL THE OTHER BLESSINGS?



THIS IS CALLED **MODIM DERABANAN** AND IS FOUND ON PAGE 37 OF THE **TRIBE SHEVET ASHER SIDDUR**. LIKE **MODIM**, IT THANKS **GOD** FOR THE MIRACLES IN OUR DAILY LIVES.

THE **AVUDRAHAM** (SPAIN, 14TH CENTURY) EXPLAINS THAT YOU CAN APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO ASK FOR ANYTHING. YOUR SPOKESPERSON CAN ASK FOR HEALTH, WEALTH, WISDOM OR A JOB FOR YOU.

BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT YOU CANNOT HAVE ANOTHER PERSON DO FOR YOU. NO ONE ELSE CAN PROPERLY EXPRESS THANKS ON YOUR BEHALF. IF YOU WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, YOU HAVE TO DO IT YOURSELF.



MAYBE THAT'S WHY MUM ALWAYS REMINDS US TO SAY THANK YOU AND BE SPECIFIC. WHEN YOU PERSONALLY TELL SOMEONE EXACTLY WHAT YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR, THEY KNOW YOU REALLY MEAN IT.



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