



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VAYECHI: SNOW JOKE!

WOW! IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL! I COULD WATCH IT FOR HOURS! ICE SIMPLY LOVE IT WHEN IT SNOWS.



I SNOW! YOU REALLY COULD, BUT I THINK IT'S EVEN MORE FUN TO ACTUALLY GO OUT AND PLAY IN IT.

LOOK DINA, THERE'S A SNOWFLAKE ON MY NOSE! AND HERE COMES ANOTHER ON MY SLEEVE! AND MY GLOVE! CHECK THEM OUT, THEY'RE SO COOL!



DID YOU KNOW THAT IF YOU LOOK AT A SNOWFLAKE UNDER A MICROSCOPE, EVERY SINGLE SNOWFLAKE IS BEAUTIFUL AND INTRICATE AND NO TWO SNOWFLAKES ARE THE SAME?



SNOW JOKE! SNOWFLAKES ARE NOT THE ONLY THING THAT AREN'T THE SAME. NO TWO BLADES OF GRASS, LEAVES OR ANIMALS ARE ABSOLUTELY IDENTICAL.



IT'S THE SAME FOR US PEOPLE. NO TWO HUMAN BEINGS ARE EXACTLY THE SAME. WE MIGHT LOOK ALIKE, WE MIGHT EVEN BE TWINS, BUT WE ARE ALL UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS.

IN THIS WEEK'S PARASHA, AT THE END OF HIS LIFE, YAAKOV BLESSES ALL OF HIS CHILDREN. BUT YAAKOV DOES NOT GIVE ONE BIG BRACHA TO THEM ALL, OR EVEN GIVE THEM EACH THE SAME BRACHA.



YAAKOV GIVES EACH CHILD A DIFFERENT BLESSING, REFLECTING THEIR INDIVIDUAL STRENGTHS AND PERSONALITIES.



THE TORAH EMPHASISES THIS WHEN IT DESCRIBES THE EVENTS, 'TO EACH A DIFFERENT BLESSING, TO EACH HIS OWN PARTING WORD.'

THE TORAH REMINDS US TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR INDIVIDUALITY, CELEBRATE OUR STRENGTHS AND BECOME THE BEST VERSION OF OURSELVES. NOW THAT'S THAWSOME ADVICE!



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