# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

VAYISHLACH: SLAM DUNK!

IN THIS WEEK'S PARASHA, YAAKOV (JACOB) WRESTLES WITH AN ANGEL ALL NIGHT AND WON'T GO UNTIL HE GETS A BLESSING!

SOUNDS FAMILIAR? MEET TAMIR GOODMAN. HE WRESTLED WITH PRESSURE, INJURIES, AND BIG CHOICES, BUT HELD TIGHT TO HIS FAITH... AND CAME OUT A WINNER.

Tamir Goodman AKA the Jewish Jordan, grew up in Baltimore and loved basketball more than anything!

BASKETBALL IS NOT JUST A GAME FOR ME – IT'S MY LIFE! I'LL PLAY BIG ONE DAY – BUT NEVER ON SHABBAT!

I'M GOING TO KEEP AT IT UNTIL I GO PRO! I'LL PLAY FOR MY TEAM AND FOR GOD. MY MISSION IS TO MAKE GOD PROUD THROUGH THE GAME.

WE'RE BEHIND YOU ALL THE WAY!

THAT WAS BRUTAL. I'M DONE!

THEN YOU'VE GOT TWO CHOICES, KID! GIVE UP... OR GET UP!

GUESS WHICH ONE HE PICKED.

WOW! THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND! MY DREAM TEAM! ONE THING, THOUGH... I DON'T PLAY ON SHABBAT.

OH... YOU CAN'T CHANGE THAT? THEN I GUESS GOD'S GOT A DIFFERENT TEAM FOR ME.

TOWSON U CHANGED THEIR SCHEDULE SO YOU CAN PLAY – NO GAMES ON SHABBAT! WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

WOW, THANKS COACH! TALK ABOUT TEAMWORK.

DOESN'T BEING JEWISH MAKE IT HARDER TO BE AN ATHLETE?

NO WAY! JUDAISM IS MY TRAINING. IT TEACHES ME DISCIPLINE, TEAMWORK AND BOUNCING BACK. THAT'S HOW YOU WIN – ON THE COURT AND OFF!

I WAS LIVING THE DREAM, PLAYING PRO BASKETBALL IN ISRAEL. WHEN I GOT INJURED, I THOUGHT IT WAS GAME OVER. BUT GOD WAS JUST CHANGING MY POSITION. NOW I'M A COACH, A HUSBAND, A DAD – STILL PLAYING FOR TEAM GOD, BUT WEARING A NEW JERSEY.

LIVE YOUR DREAM

TODAY I COACH KIDS, INVENT COOL BASKETBALL GEAR, AND HELP FANS TO PLAY, CONNECT, AND WIN. MY BOOK, ***LIVE YOUR DREAM***, SHOWS THAT YOUR CHALLENGES CAN BE YOUR SUPERPOWERS.

NEXT TIME LIFE THROWS YOU A TOUGH MATCH, DON'T QUIT – THINK OF TAMIR, AND SCORE ONE FOR GOD'S TEAM!

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