



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

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DEBS! WE'RE GETTING BUSY FOR SARA'S **BAT MITZVAH**. DO YOU KNOW A GOOD PHOTOGRAPHER?

MR FLASH? I'VE HEARD OF HIM... BUT I'VE ALSO HEARD HE'S UNRELIABLE.

UNRELIABLE? WHAT HAPPENED?

HMM. MAYBE THERE'S MORE TO THE STORY?

YES, MR FLASH IS BRILLIANT! AND HIS PRICES WON'T HURT YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE.

SUZY SAID HE CAME HALFWAY THROUGH A **BAR MITZVAH** SHE WAS AT LAST WEEK. THE DJ CONFIRMED IT TOO. TRUE STORY!

MORE TO THE STORY? DEBS, A PHOTOGRAPHER CAN'T MISS HALF THE **SIMCHA** (CELEBRATION)! THAT'S LIKE THE CATERER COMING AFTER **BENSCHING** (GRACE AFTER MEALS)!

HMM, I DON'T WANT TO RECOMMEND SOMEONE UNRELIABLE... BUT I ALSO DON'T WANT TO REPEAT SOMETHING THAT MIGHT NOT BE FAIR. TIME TO FACT CHECK!

MR FLASH! LOVELY TO SEE YOU. WE'RE STILL ENJOYING THE LOVELY PHOTOS YOU TOOK AT OUR **SIMCHA**. TELL ME, I HEARD YOU ARRIVED HALFWAY THROUGH A **BAR MITZVAH** LAST WEEK.

OH! PEOPLE ARE SAYING THAT WAS VERY LATE.

LATE? I WASN'T BOOKED FOR THAT **SIMCHA**! THE REAL PHOTOGRAPHER DIDN'T TURN UP. THEY CALLED ME IN AN EMERGENCY, SO I DROPPED EVERYTHING AND RACED OVER AS A FAVOUR! I SAVED THE SECOND HALF!

YUP, GOT THERE IN TIME FOR THE SPEECHES.

IN THIS WEEK'S **PARASHA** THE **TORAH** WARNS US TO REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO **MIRIAM** WHO WAS PUNISHED FOR THE WAY SHE SPOKE. OUR WORDS HAVE MASSIVE POWER - BOTH FOR THE GOOD AND BAD. THEY CAN COST SOMEONE THEIR JOB OR MAKE THEIR DAY!

BEFORE WE REPEAT SOMETHING, WE NEED TO ASK: DO I KNOW THE WHOLE STORY? IS IT FAIR? IS IT HELPFUL?

STOP!
IS THIS FAIR & HELPFUL?

ESPECIALLY TODAY. ONE LITTLE COMMENT CAN TRAVEL ACROSS THE WORLD IN SECONDS! IMAGINE IF SOCIAL MEDIA ONLY ALLOWED POSITIVE SPEECH - HOW AWESOME WOULD THAT BE?

WE ARE NOW IN THE MONTH OF **ELUL** WHERE WE PREPARE FOR **ROSH HASHANAH** (JEWISH NEW YEAR). IT'S A GREAT TIME TO PRACTISE CAREFUL SPEECH, AND JUDGING OTHERS FAVOURABLY.

SO, BEFORE YOU SNAP TO JUDGEMENT, CHECK - YOU MIGHT NOT HAVE THE WHOLE PICTURE!



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