

*“Keep this,”
whispered the rabbi to the Bar Mitzvah boy.*

With a soft but firm touch he placed the tiny Torah scroll in the boy’s hand. “I am sure I will not get out of here alive but maybe you will. Take it and promise that you will tell the story.”

The boy did survive and made Israel his home. He grew up to be a science professor and developed experiments for outer space. When Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon came to meet the professor in his Tel Aviv home, he saw the tiny Torah in a small ark on a bookshelf in the study. “Is there a story behind this?” asked the astronaut. The professor nodded quietly and told his tale.

