PARSHA POEM-KI SISA

THE SIDRA OF KI SISA OPENS UP WITH MORE RULES AND DESCRIPTIONS AND DETAILS FOR THE BUILDING OF THE MISHKAN, ITS KEILIM AND PARTS WITH TALK OF DONATIONS OUR PARSHA STARTS

HASHEM TELLS MOSHE "LOOK INTO THIS FIRE
THE COIN THAT YOU SEE IS THE COIN I DESIRE
THAT EACH YID SHOULD GIVE TO THE MISHKAN CAMPAIGN
WHEN YOU COUNT BNEI YISROEL TO SEE HOW MANY REMAIN

"AFTER THE SIN OF THE EIGEL HAZAHAV
WHEN I PUNISHED THE JEWS WITH A PLAGUE FROM ABOVE
YOU WON'T COUNT THEM BY HEAD, RATHER ADD UP ALL THE
SHEKALIM SO THERE WON'T BE AN AYIN HARAH

"EVERYONE GIVES THE EXACT SAME AMOUNT
EACH MAN THAT LINES UP WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR COUNT
ONE HALF SILVER SHEKEL FROM THE RICH AND THE POOR
NO ONE CAN GIVE LESS AND NO ONE CAN GIVE MORE"

HASHEM THEN COMMANDED TO MAKE A COPPER KIYOR
WITH A LARGE COPPER BASE WHICH WAS USED FOR
THE KATZES AND THE FRIEDMANS AND THE OTHER KOHANIM
TO WASH THEIR ANDS FEET BEFORE THEIR SERVICE DOES BEGIN

"THE YIDDEN SHALL FOLLOW MY SPECIAL RECIPE TO CREATE AN OIL BLEND TO ANOINT UNTO ME ALL THE KOHANIM, AHARON'S FAMILY SMEAR OIL ON THEM LIKE THE GREEK LETTER "CHI"

"THEY WILL ALSO ANOINT THE ENTIRE MISHKAN THE MENORAH, THE ARON, THE KIYOR, AND SHULCHAN THE MIZBACH HAKETORES AND MIZBEACH HAZAHAV THIS WILL DRAW DOWN MORE KEDUSHA FROM ABOVE"

HASHEM THEN DESCRIBED HOW TO MAKE THE KETORES
WITH ELEVEN SPECIAL INGREDIENTS NO LESS
THE KETORES WAS BURNED ON THE MIZBEACH EACH DAY
INSIDE THE HEICHAL IN THE PRE-DESCRIBED WAY

HASHEM TOLD MOSHE THAT HE HAD SELECTED
TWO SPECIAL PEOPLE WHO SHOULD BE DIRECTED
BETZALEL AND OHOLIAV WERE INSPIRED FROM ABOVE
TO DO ALL THE NEEDED CRAFTSMANSHIP WITH SKILL AND WITH LOVE

BECAUSE THE MISHKAN GAINS KAPARAH FOR THE CHET HAEIGEL FLOP THE JEWS MUST BE REMINDED THAT ON FRIDAYS THEY MUST STOP THEY'LL WANT TO BUILD THE MISHKAN AS QUICKLY AS CAN BE BUT THEY MUST REMEMBER SHABBOS, AND KEEP THE DAY HOLY

THE PARSHA NOW GOES BACK TO THE MATAN TORAH TALE
WHEN HASHEM GAVE MOSHE TWO LUCHOS FOR THE BNEI YISROEL
THE JEWS EXPECTED MOSHE TO BE GONE FORTY DAYS
AND WHEN THEY THOUGHT THAT HE WAS LATE A CRY THEY DID RAISE

THEY RAN TO AHARON CRYING "THE MAN MOSHE IS GONE
WE NOW NEED SOMEONE NEW, A NEW LEADER TO COUNT ON"
AHARON KNEW THAT MOSHE WOULD BE BACK RIGHT WHEN HE CAN
BUT THE MEN WERE GOING WILD, SO HE MADE THIS BRILLIANT PLAN

"GO AND FETCH ME JEWELRY, AS MUCH GOLD AS YOU CAN GET"
THIS WOULD TAKE A LONG TIME 'CUZ THE WOMEN WOULDN'T LET
BUT THE YETZER HORAH GOT THE MEN TO GATHER GOLD SO FAST
THEY BROUGHT TONS OF GOLD TO AHARON BEFORE ANY TIME HAD PASSED

WHEN AHARON THREW THE GOLD INTO A FIRE IT BECAME
A GOLDEN CALF, AN IDOL, "IT'S OUR GOD!" THEY DID PROCLAIM
THE EIREV RAV CONVINCED THE JEWS TO THE CALF THEY SHOULD SUBMIT
THEY BOWED TO IT AND BROUGHT IT GIFTS AND SINS THEY DID COMMIT

HASHEM SAID TO MOSHE "LOOK, YOUR PEOPLE SINNED SO BAD TREATING AN IDOL LIKE A GOD, ACTING LIKE IT HAD TAKEN THEM OUT OF MITZRAYIM, FORGETTING ABOUT ME IF YOU LET ME, I'LL GO DESTROY THE NATION 1-2-3!"

MOSHE SAID "DON'T DO THAT, WHY SHOULD MITZRAYIM SAY
'HE TOOK THEM ON A DESERT TRIP TO KILL THEM ON THE WAY'?
YOU CANNOT KILL THE INNOCENT AND GUILTY JUST THE SAME!
THEY'RE NOT SO BAD, THEY REALLY THINK THIS GOLDEN CALF IS LAME!"

HASHEM AGREED AND MOSHE WENT TO WHERE THE YIDDEN STOOD
HE SAW THE EIGEL HAZAHAV AND REALIZED THAT HE SHOULD
PROTECT THE JEWS BY THROWING DOWN THE LUCHOS HE WAS GIVEN
AND TELL HASHEM THE YIDDEN DO DESERVE TO BE FORGIVEN

MOSHE TOOK THE GOLDEN CALF AND GROUND IT INTO DUST HE THREW IT IN THE WATER AND HE TOLD THE JEWS THEY MUST DRINK THIS WATER AND THIS WAY THE YIDDEN WOULD BE TRIED ALL THOSE TRULY GUILTY, WHEN THEY DRANK FROM IT THEY DIED

MOSHE THEN SAID TO HASHEM "PLEASE LET THEM OFF THE HOOK AND IF YOU DON'T FORGIVE THEM PLEASE ERASE ME FROM YOUR BOOK" HASHEM FORGAVE AND SAID TO MOSHE "MY MERCY YOU DID INVOKE NOW GO AND MAKE 2 NEW LUCHOS, REPLACE THE ONES YOU BROKE"

MOSHE ASKED HASHEM THAT HIS FULL GREATNESS SHOULD APPEAR HASHEM SAID "I WILL SHOW TO YOU AS MUCH AS YOU CAN BEAR" AND TO SHOW THAT HIS FORGIVENESS OF THE JEWS WAS REAL HE REPEATED SOME IMPORTANT MITZVOS — THE YIDDEN HAD A DEAL

KEEP THE SHALOSH REGALIM, AND KEEP THE SHABBOS TOO
THE LAWS OF SHMITTAH, MILK AND MEAT, BIKURIM FROM EACH JEW
EACH BECHOR, EVERY FIRST-BORN, TRULY BELONGS TO ME
DON'T MAKE IDOLS OR SERVE THEM, IT'S CALLED IDOLATRY

MOSHE WAS ON HAR SINAI ANOTHER FORTY DAYS
WHEN HE CAME DOWN, HE DID NOT KNOW HIS FACE SHONE HOLY RAYS
NOW SHARE THIS POEM WITH ALL THE GUESTS YOU'RE HOSTING IN YOUR HOME
AND WHEN YOU'RE DONE MAKE SURE TO WISH THEM ALL SHABBAT SHALOM!