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The Torah speaks, in Parshas Shemini,  
About creatures that are creepy and crawly.  
From them we should stay away,  
Because they make a person Tamei.

The snake lifts itself up to go,  
While keeping its head low,  
And then its belly falls to the ground,  
For us there is a lesson to be found.

The snake does compare,  
To the Yetzer Hora that bothers us everywhere.  
But how does the Yetzer Hora begin,  
To make us sin?

The Yetzer Hora is very tricky,  
It doesn't tell us to slither on our belly,  
And to be busy,  
With things that are earthly.

But rather it works slowly,  
It first makes us feel unworthy.  
It convinces us that we are low,  
Until our Jewish pride is down to zero.

Once we have our head down,  
And we are walking around with a frown,  
To fall into the Yetzer Hora's trap is very easy,  
For example, we start fighting with our siblings over things that are petty.

The key, to set ourselves free,  
From the Yetzer Hora who challenges us at every opportunity,  
Is by looking up high to the sky,  
And immersing ourselves in the Torah that we got at Har Sinai.

Especially when Chassidus we study,  
To serve Hashem wholeheartedly,  
The Yetzer Hora's words don't fly,  
Because we realize that we are the apple of Hashem's eye.

To challenge us is the Yetzer Hora's mission,  
But it's true desire is that to the Yetzer Tov we should listen!  
When Moshiach comes the high source of the snake we will see,  
It will become our friend instead of our enemy!

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