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The translation of Terumah is donation,
How is that a unique name for a Torah portion?
In 9 other places the Torah does mention,
Donations that were given.

How is Terumah a name that is fitting,
For a Parsha that speaks about building?
If the goal is the Mishkan's construction,
Then why is donating the first instruction?

Seemingly the name Terumah is far from the best,
Because the word Mishkan, means a place for Hashem to rest.
It's only because of Hashem's great power,
That His essence can enter into a physical structure.

It was Hashem's decision to rest amongst the Yidden,
While the name Terumah focuses on the opposite, human action.
Besides, why is it relevant to know,
All the details of the temporary Mishkan built so long ago?

We need to understand,
That Hashem wants us to lend a hand.
On Har Sinai, the process Hashem did start,
But He wants us to do our part!

When Hashem revealed Himself on Har Sinai,
 Whoever touched the mountain would die,
 But when the Yidden heard the Shofar's blow,
 Up the mountain they could go.

When Hashem revealed Himself in this world physically,
 The entire world stopped immediately.
 The whole world filled with Hashem's glory equally,
 The birds stopped chirping and everything lost their identity.

But then Hashem did depart,
 Because He wants each Jew to serve Him with their heart.
 Hashem's true desire,
 Is that we should slowly climb higher and higher.

We start our journey in a desert so low,
 We elevate one portion at a time and slowly grow.
 Although the Mishkan was temporary,
 For the Batei Mikdash to be built it was a step that was necessary.

For our Parsha the name Terumah is the best,
 Because it teaches us how to make a place for Hashem to rest.
 Hashem isn't asking us to lose our identity,
 He wants us to separate a part of what we have and make it holy.

To separate a part for Hashem every day is our aim,
 In this part Hashem does remain,
 Our work is slow but steady,
 Until for Moshiach we will be ready!
