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Vayeitzei - And he went out," is the Torah portion's name,
Yaakov had to flee from his parent's home but didn't complain,
For 14 years he reached the greatest heights through Torah study,
But to fulfill his mission, Yaakov went to Charan to marry and build a family,

When Yaakov arrived the Torah does tell,
The first thing Yaakov saw was sheep at the well,
He met his future wife Rachel,
Her name means "sheep" as well.

What was Yaakov's career you may ask,
Shepherding sheep for 20 years was his task,
Different types of sheep was his pay,
Lavan could change his mind any day.

Colored, striped, speckled, whatever Lavan did say,
All the new baby sheep were born that way,
What do sheep have to do with you and me?
Why was the Jewish nation born surrounded by a "sheep factory"?

To sheep the Jewish people are compared,
Unquestioning obedience, ביטול, is a quality that is shared,
The Hebrew word for sheep is צאן, we know,

It is similar to יציאה, which means to go.

We have to go out of our comfort zone,
Hashem's will must be our own.
Our personal goals we must put aside,
We need to help all Jews worldwide.

For our identities we don't need to fear,
Bittul doesn't mean that we disappear.
The opposite is true,
We become united with Hakadosh Baruch Hu!

(A stalk of wheat stands in a field so proudly,
But to reach its potential it must be ground so finely.
With other ingredients the flour then must blend,
It may seem like the flour met its end.

But the opposite is true,
What seems to nullify the wheat brings out its true value.
It rises to a new higher level and fulfills its mission,
It is transformed into bread and becomes a source of nutrition.)

Yaakov was successful beyond measure,
Every type of sheep he did acquire,
Because to serve Hashem with Bittul he did endeavor,
To overcome any challenges it gave him the power.

"Vayifrotz" is the term that the Torah uses to express,
Yaakov's super natural success.
It comes from the root "Peretz" to break through every boundary,
To break through our limitations, Bittul is the key!

Through Bittul, we act as Hashem's tool and go beyond our nature,
Wherever Hashem sends us it doesn't matter.
We invest all of our power so that every type of Jew we will find,
Because with the coming of Moshiach no Jew can be left behind!
