

# SICHA POEM

PROJECT LIKKUTEI SICHOS | 5783 - YEAR OF HAKHEL



*Likkutei Sichos, Vol. 17*

## Shabbos Hagadol

— By Mrs. Chanie Gourarie, Chabad Toms River

Shabbos Hagadol, the Shabbos that is called great,  
Is the Shabbos before Pesach when we commemorate,  
A miracle that began, when the Egyptians asked what is the plan?  
When they saw each Jewish family bringing home a lamb.

The Jews had no fear, they said loud and clear,  
That the lamb they would prepare,  
To sacrifice on the evening of the 14th day,  
After which, at midnight, the firstborn Egyptians, Hashem would slay.

The firstborn Egyptians who were the most powerful in society,  
Begged Pharaoh and their parents to set the Jews free,  
A civil war broke out when they didn't give permission,  
The firstborn Egyptians ended up fighting for the Jewish nation!

The reason the miracle is as great as an be,  
Is because Hashem didn't just eliminate the enemy,  
But rather Hashem made the enemy turn around,  
Helping the Jews they were found!

Every other special day, we remember,  
On the date of the month that it did occur,  
But this miracle, which happened on the tenth of Nissan, is unique,  
We specifically celebrate it on Shabbos, the 7th day of the week!

It is clear, that there is a similar trait,  
Between Shabbos and this miracle so great!  
The weekdays revolve around past, present and future,  
But Shabbos rises above time and transforms nature.

When we encounter a harmful thing or a negative energy,  
We can eradicate it completely,  
Or it can be dealt with in a greater way,  
By transforming it like night turns into day.

Shabbos has the power, to turn something with a harmful nature,  
Into helping us serve Hashem better,  
Therefore Shabbos gave the energy,  
For the firstborn Egyptians to fight to set the Jews free!

When we stay away from bad and do what is right,  
We too can turn darkness into light,  
Until we will merit the coming of Moshiach speedily,  
When forever negativity will turn into positivity.

\*\*\*