

SICHA POEM

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Hashem who has no limitation,
Created four kingdoms within creation.
The kingdoms were created in a chain like descent from heaven,
The lower the kingdom the more Hashem's revelation is hidden.

The categories are people, animals, plants and inanimate objects who look lifeless,
Our aim is to reveal that in everything there is a spark of G-dliness,
By using the physical things for a purpose that is G-dly,
So that Hashem can dwell in this world comfortably.

We see this process in action,
In the Mishkan's construction.
The roof of the Mishkan was made out of beautiful curtains,
Which were made from different types of animal skins.

Beneath the curtains, wooden pillars made from trees were found,
Which were placed in inanimate sockets of silver that were on the ground.
However, the ground beneath the Mishkan structure did not get an elevation,
The holiness didn't remain once the Yidden traveled to their next destination.

The Rambam is of the opinion,
That the Beis Hamikdash was the Mishkan's continuation.
Similarities there are many,
But there is a difference that the Rambam emphasizes clearly.

For the Mishkan to be built on flat ground was fine,
But the Beis Hamikdash had to be built on an incline.
There were steps to climb between each section,
Representing higher and higher levels of elevation.

In the times of the Beis Hamikdash there was a possibility for something new,
The ground could become saturated with G-dliness too!
The higher the ground was physically,
The higher was the level of its spirituality.

Only stone was used for the Beis Hamikdash's construction,
Which represents the ability to transform even the lowest dimension.
The Beis Hamikdash was built as a permanent structure,
Even after its destruction, the holiness remains forever!

A big question comes to mind,
Between the Holy and the Holy of Holies, steps why don't we find?
The Holy of Holies is infinitely greater it's true,
But no amount of steps would suffice to represent the essence of every Jew.

As we climb higher and higher,
To have Bittul, true humility, we must always endeavor,
No matter how far we reach there is a place that is beyond measure,
It's where we let go of our identity and unite with Hashem forever!
