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A person can give a donation,
Because they have an obligation.
From them it is taken,
They don't display emotion.

Another possibility,
Is when a person voluntarily,
Brings a donation wholeheartedly,
Their excitement and eagerness you can see!

We find both of these types of donations in Parshas Vayakhel,
From the Yidden, was taken, the obligation of the Machatzis Hashekel.
Additionally, whoever had a generous heart, had the ability,
To bring donations for the Mishkan in quantity and quality.

In Parshas Terumah, is where Hashem gave the command originally,
To bring donations for the Mishkan where Hashem would dwell permanently.
In Parshas Vayakhel, Moshe repeats everything that Hashem did say,
And the Yidden actually did it all right away.

So why is it that in Parshas Terumah, the term “take” we find only,
And the term “bring” we don't see?
Another difference is that in Teruma, Hashem spoke to Moshe to tell the Yidden,
While in Parshas Vayakhel it says that Moshe spoke to the entire congregation.

Another difference that stands out,
Is that the command in Terumah is addressed to men without a doubt.
While in Parshas Vayakhel, to every single Jew, men and women, Moshe did speak,
The women were first to bring donations and contributed talents so unique.

These differences are all significant,
Because the purpose of the Mishkan was to bring atonement.
In order for the Yidden to show that they truly regretted what they had done,
From the generosity of their hearts they had to donate for the Mishkan.

They took the very same material of gold which they had used for bad,
And transformed it to make Hashem glad.
The Yidden showed that they were so sorry for the golden calf sin,
By bringing gold for the Mishkan with excitement and passion.

Parshas Terumah is the command that Hashem gives from above,
It's like Matan Torah when Hashem showered us with revelation and love,
But the revelation doesn't last unless we do our part,
Like in Parshas Vayakhel, when on their own the Yidden gave with all their heart.

The relationship between Hashem and Yidden does compare,
To the relationship between a חתן and כלה so dear.
The חתן represents the Mashpia giving energy, which is masculine,
While the כלה represents the Mekabel receiving energy, which is feminine.

In Parshas Terumah the masculine energy does shine,
It represents the commandments that men must do on time.
But in order for Hashem's Shechinah to rest in the Mishkan at every hour,
We need the feminine energy, which is a refining, developing and uplifting power.

For nine months a baby develops in its mother's womb,
And then she nurtures and watches how her baby does bloom.
Women know how to go the extra mile,
They give their all with a smile.

When it came to weaving materials for the Mishkan they did something rare,
While the goat's hair was still on its back, the talented women weaved its hair.
The copper mirrors that the women used to make themselves beautiful in Mitzrayim,
They donated and uplifted to make the wash basin for the Kohanim.

The lesson is that every woman holds the key,
To make her home into a dwelling place where Hashem can rest comfortably.
Therefore it's not enough to inspire the men,
We must reach out to include the women and children.

In Parshas Vayakhel the role of the woman we celebrate,
The feminine energy is top rate!
Because she does her part,
By taking what she got and adding her heart!
