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Dvar Torah for Parshat Ki Tisa Based on *Likutey Moharan II, Lesson #9*

[Moshe] took the calf...burned it and ground it fine. Then he scattered it.... (Exodus 32:20)

What pushes us to make a golden calf? Too much money, an inclination to gluttony and an appetite for public licentiousness. (How much money is too much? Depends on who you are.) Each of these is both a cause and an effect of dissatisfaction, the "ashes" that cover and extinguish the holy flame of the Jewish heart.

How to spark your heart so that your enthusiasm burns brightly, shiningly and in a controlled manner? Let the tzaddik blow off the ashes by breathing some life into you. "Whoever is for God, join me" (Exodus 32:26)! By answering his invitation and seeking his teaching, his wisdom and advice, you already begin to taste the joy that comes with being in sync with yourself. The strength that results from such joy enables to deal with challenges that you may face (including the temporary eclipse of the tzaddik's wisdom that everyone experiences, sooner or later).

The invitation has already been mailed. Without an answer in the affirmative one cannot be helped.

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