



Student Dvar Torah - Parashat Ki Tisa **By Yigal Laham - Grade 8**

The Pasuk in this week's Parashah says (30:13): "This they shall give every one that passes among them that are numbered, half a shekel of the shekel of the sanctuary." Rashi comments that Hashem showed Moshe a coin of fire. This is a symbol that money is similar to fire. Fire has the ability to warm somebody and to help prepare food. However fire also has the ability to destroy houses, buildings, and even some lives. Another thing that can destroy people's lives is money. When people are pursuing money they can destroy their lives and others lives. However when money is used correctly it can help many people for example, by giving Tzedakah. All things that a person gets over the course of his life can be used for the good and for the bad. Let's try to use everything for the good.