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1. I once explained to a woman who had brought her Haggadah to the Megilla reading that she wasn't late for Purim rather she was early for Pesach.



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2. 30 days before a holiday rabbis should begin to teach its laws.
I chose something from our Torah portion that also connects with Pesach.

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3. The Golden calf:
How could it happen?!
As hard as we try, it remains inexplicable.



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4. Moses must return to Mt. Sinai to beg G-d to forgive his people.
On Yom Kippur G-d pardons the Jews and gives second Luchos
As atonement for the Golden Calf, G-d instructs the Jews to build a golden Mishkan.



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5. Of all vessels the Cherubs
 (golden boy & girl atop the Ark)
 raise the question:
 How do golden statues atone for the
 worshipping of a golden statue?



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6. Answer:
 The proof of complete Teshuva is
 overcoming the exact same
 challenge you gave in to last time.

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7. Therefore:
 For worshipping a golden statue not
 only didn't the Jews sin with their
 gold again they actually made
 statues out of their gold *For G-d!*



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8. Midrash:
 Every generation must atone for the
 golden calf.
 Today we must use our gold for
 mitzvos, e.g. we give our brides a
 golden ring etc. as atonement.



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9. Also Torah commands that we men must gladden the hearts of our families on holidays by buying gifts for them; toys for the kids and *gold* for the wife.



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10. Why is that only men have to do mitzvos with their gold?

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11. The woman refused to donate their gold for the Calf.
However for the Temple they were more than happy to give their last penny.



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12. Our generation especially must atone for that sin for Kabala teaches that we are a reincarnation of the generation that wandered the desert.



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13. We must therefore achieve complete repentance by giving golden gifts to the women who always keep us in line.
 Especially for this great mitzvah!



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