



A FEW HOURS LATER

OK, SCRATCH THE DRESS IDEA. AND THE 57 OTHER IDEAS I HAD FOR A PRESENT... I'LL JUST... WRITE HER A BIRTHDAY CARD. HEAVEN HELP ME...

TOO BAD, DADDY! I'M MAKING LOTS OF THE THINGS SHE LIKES AND FIGHTING THINGS SHE HATES! LIKE A LION AMONG SHEEP, I TEAR THOSE THINGS APART! RRRRAARGH!

LIKE, ONE THING MUMMY HATES IS WHEN WE LEAVE LAUNDRY ALL OVER THE FLOOR, SO I DECLARED WAR ON ALL THE LAUNDRY IN THE HOUSE AND THREW ALL OUR CLOTHES OUT THE WINDOW!

THAT'S NICE, DEAR...
"Oh, Batei, you're so wonderful..."
ERM...

THERE ARE PEOPLE ARE WALKING IN THE STREET WITH SOME OF OUR TROUSERS ON THEIR HEADS...HEE HEE!

AND SHE LIKES COFFEE, SO I'M MAKING HER THE BIGGEST COFFEE MUG IN THE WORLD! SHE'LL HAVE LOTS AND LOTS AND LOTS OF COFFEE!!!

"...you're so good to us, honey. Just as G-d constantly gives us only the best of everything, that's how you care for me and the kids..."

"...how could I possibly express our gratitude? Everything I have to give is from the wonders and mercies you've already given us!

Just like every commandment we perform for G-d is using the health and money and stuff HE GAVE US out of His own Loving Hand already!"

and just like He saved us from annihilation in the hands of Balak and Bilam, without us even knowing what danger we were in, completely behind our backs...

... in the same way, I know you do so much for us behind the scenes that we don't even know about...

AND SHE LIKES RED, SO I DECORATED THE WHOLE HOUSE WITH KETCHUP PATTERNS!

THERE'S A GOOD GIRL...

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS

UM... WELL... I'M SURE A LOT OF VERY GOOD INTENTIONS WENT INTO ALL THIS...

OH DEAR... THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY EVERY TIME DADDY MESSES UP BIG TIME...

WE JUST WANTED TO MAKE UP FOR LAST YEAR'S FIASCO...!

BUT I DON'T NEED ALL THAT FROM YOU! YES, COFFEE AND TIDY FLOORS AND RED ARE ALL GREAT IN THE RIGHT CONTEXT, BUT... ALL I REALLY NEED FROM YOU IS...

"...BE KIND, BE FAIR, AND BE QUIETLY TRUE TO YOUR G-D." JUST LIKE G-D DOESN'T NEED MOUNTAINS OF SACRIFICES, BUT BALAK AND BILAM THOUGHT THEY COULD FLATTER G-D INTO CHANGING HIS MIND WITH TONS OF SACRIFICES, BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THAT'S WHAT HE LIKES...

...ALL I NEED IS YOUR LOVE, APPRECIATION AND HAPPINESS.

WELL, IT JUST SO HAPPENS... HEAVEN HELPED ME!

HAPPY BIRTHMARK, MUMMY!