

HOW TO FORGE A SISTERHOOD

Take one stubborn group of people
Cast them from their homeland
And throw them into the desert of life.

Toss them two stone tablets for anchors
Command them to follow unreasonable laws
Kill them when they don't.

Take the women aside for special instructions
To use their powers of weaving
To hold together family, community, each other.

Make them live close to each other in tents
Command that prayers are recited in groups of ten
To force them to learn to get along.

Show them signs and wonders
Bless them with sages, prophets, and poets
Give them Jew-dar so they recognize
Their tribe members in crowds of strangers.

Enchant them with the love of Torah
Teach them lovingkindness
And just perhaps, 5773 years later,
They will somehow find, delight, and pray with each other,
Forever.

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