



## Parshas Ki Sisa

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The *Pesukim* in this week's *Parsha* describe that when *Moshe* came down from Har Slnai, *Yehoshua*, who was standing at the foot of the mountain, heard a sound from the camp. *Yehoshua* told *Moshe* that there is a sound of war coming from the camp. *Moshe* corrected him and said that it wasn't war, but rather a sound of "Anos"..

The *Ramban* defines "Anos" as levity. **He explains that *Moshe Rabbeinu* corrected *Yehoshua* because it's important for the future leader of *Klal Yisrael* to know the difference between different sounds.** But because of *Moshe's* great humility, *Moshe* didn't want to speak badly of *Klal Yisrael*, so he didn't tell *Yehoshua* that more specifically it was the sound of idol worship, he just kept it more broad that it was a sound of levity.

Rabbi Juni asked - this was obviously a very important lesson because *Moshe* was giving it when he could have been running to stop the golden calf from taking place! And from reading the *Ramban* carefully, it clearly was not forbidden for *Moshe* to tell *Yehoshua* about the golden calf, and either way *Yehoshua* was going to find out very soon what was going on, so why did *Moshe* just give *Yehoshua* a proper lesson and tell him that it was the sound of idol worship?!

**The answer is that it is very bad to say any words of negativity about *Klal Yisrael*!** We see how tremendously careful we must be not to say words of negativity about Jews - even things that everyone knows or things that everyone will find out about shortly!  
**We must endeavor to have this sensitivity and build this sensitivity that we simply can't let words like these exit our lips!**