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## 49 Poetic Meditations for Counting the Omer or Turning toward a New Year

### DAY 2

#### *Gevurah b'Chesed / Strength and Discipline within Loving Kindness*

Some learnings come to us like puzzles  
that are difficult to piece together.  
Some come like an idyllic painting  
that we can understand immediately.

Some relationships are tricky to maneuver,  
filled with jagged edges that cut us,  
while some are so soft and rounded, we can barely tell  
where one person ends and the other begins.

*Gevurah* is strength which keeps us intact,  
helps us maintain our integrity,  
without which even our love  
can become self-destructive.

What keeps you intact?

What helps you be honest with yourself  
and with others?

These are things to cherish  
as you cross through the 2nd gate.

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