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Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

When G-d appointed Moses to lead the Jews out of Egypt, Moses was reluctant to take the job. According to the Midrash, he knew that this redemption would only be temporary, and the final redemption would be ushered by Moshiach, the ultimate leader of the Jewish people.

Moses wanted the redemption from Egypt to be permanent, and asked G-d to send Moshiach to lead them out, rather than himself. But his request was denied. Why? Because the work the Jewish people had to undertake to bring G-dliness into the world throughout the exile is a prerequisite for the coming of Moshiach.

G-d did, however, assign to Moses the leadership potential that will eventually be realized by Moshiach.

So Moses was not wrong in his request, since the potential for Moshiach existed then too, only the realization of that potential would not happen for many years to come. Now, thousands of years later, we are ready for Moshiach and the complete redemption!

Shabbat shalom.

P.S. This Thursday we celebrate Rosh Chodesh Shvat. Learn more about [the month of Shvat here](#).



Happening Today!



presents:

TU BESHVAT EDITION

Blueberry Almond Challah Bake

Friday, Jan. 8 | 10:00 AM



RSVP: hindy@chabadofmaine.com
for zoom link and
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Parshat Shemot

The **children of Israel** multiply in Egypt. Threatened by their growing numbers, **Pharaoh** enslaves them and orders the Hebrew midwives, **Shifrah and Puah**, to kill all male babies at birth. When they do not comply, he commands his people to cast the Hebrew babies into the **Nile**.

A child is born to **Yocheved**, the **daughter of Levi**, and her husband, **Amram**, and **placed in a basket on the river**, while the baby's sister, **Miriam**, stands watch from afar. **Pharaoh's daughter** discovers the boy, raises him as her son, and **names him Moses**.

As a young man, Moses leaves the palace and discovers the **hardship** of his brethren. He sees an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, and **kills** the Egyptian. The next day he sees **two Jews fighting**; when he admonishes them, they reveal his deed of the previous day, and Moses is forced to flee to Midian. There he rescues **Jethro's** daughters, marries one of them (**Tzipporah**), and becomes a **shepherd** of his father-in-law's flocks.

Gd appears to Moses in a burning bush at the foot of **Mount Sinai**, and instructs him to go to Pharaoh and demand: **Let My people go, so that they may serve Me**. Moses brother, **Aaron**, is appointed to serve as his spokesman. In Egypt, Moses and Aaron assemble the elders of Israel to tell them that the time of their redemption has come. The people believe; but Pharaoh refuses to let them go, and even intensifies the suffering of Israel.

Moses returns to Gd to protest: **Why have You done evil to this people?** Gd promises that the **redemption** is close at hand.



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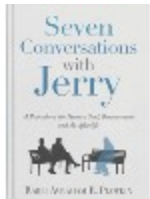
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