

# Parashat Shemot



The children of Israel multiply (מכפילים עצמם) in Egypt (מצרים). Threatened (מאויימים) by their growing numbers, Pharaoh orders (מורה על) the Hebrew midwives (מיילדות) , Shifrah and Puah, to kill all male babies at birth. When they do not do that, he commands (פוקד) his people to cast the Hebrew babies into the Nile (נילוס) .

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 (מגלה) the boy, raises (מגדלת) 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 (מצרי) beating a Hebrew, and kills the Egyptian. The next day he sees two Jews fighting; when he runs away (בורח) from 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 (רועה צאן) of his father-in-law's flocks (עדר).

God appears to Moses in a burning bush (הסנה הבוער) 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 G-d to protest: "Why have You done evil to this people?" G-d promises that the redemption is close at hand.



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