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Parashat Shemot

Exodus 1:1-6:1

פרשת שמות

שמות א:א-ו:א

Parashat Shemot begins the story of how Moshe came to lead B'nei Yisrael out of Mitzrayim. When HaShem first asks Moshe to return to Egypt and convince Pharaoh to release B'nei Yisrael, Moshe is certain that he won't be able to do it. He objects many times, ending with a plea to HaShem, "Please choose someone else" (Ex. 4:13). Angrily, HaShem reminds him that he has a brother, Aharon, who will be with him, and that HaShem will be with both of them (Ex. 4:14-15).

<p>(14) Adonai became angry with Moshe and said, "There is your brother Aharon. I know that he speaks well. Right now he is setting out to meet you, and he will be happy to see you. (15) You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth—I will be with you and with him as you speak and tell both of you what to do."</p>	<p>יד) וַיִּסְרַ-אָפָה בְּמַשָּׁה, וַיֹּאמֶר הִל־ּא אַהֲרֹן אָחִיךְ כָּלֹוי--יְצַעַתִּי, כִּי-זָבֵר יְדַבֵּר הוּא; וְגַם הַנֶּה-הוּא יֵצֵא לְקֹרְאָתָה, וְרָאָה וְשָׁמַח בְּלָפָו. טו) וַדְבַּרְתָּ אֲלֵיכוֹ, וְשָׁמַתָּ אֲתָה-הַקָּרְבָּרִים בְּפִיו; וְאַנְכִּי, אֲהֵינוּ עַמ-פִּיָּה, וְעַמ-פִּיהָו, וְהֹרִיתִי אֶתְכֶם, אַת אֲשֶׁר פָּעַשׂוּן.</p>
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Why do you think Moshe was so resistant to going to speak to Pharaoh? Why didn't he just ask for help instead of assuming that HaShem expected him to do the work all by himself? Why didn't HaShem offer Aharon's help sooner?

Sometimes we forget that we can ask for help if we are stuck. When have you felt stuck or overwhelmed? How would it change things if you remembered to ask for help? How do you feel when someone asks you for help?