

EULOGY FOR MOSHE by Ben

Hello everybody, I would like to start off by saying that this isn't just any funeral. This is the funeral of Moshe Rabbeinu. He really was a special person in our community. Without him, no one knows where we would be right now if we were anywhere at all. I knew Moshe very well and not only did I know him but I looked up to him as a mentor. I looked to him as someone that I aspire to be like in my future. Moshe had amazing moments in his life and it really is troubling to know that he couldn't see the result of it all but I know that he knew he had set up a good future for us. He made it so that we have a choice. We can go downhill from here, or we can shape our future the way we want it to be and this is all because of Moshe's humbleness and his kindness. Here are a couple moments in his life that recognize the traits, or even the virtues, that he had.

In (Bamidbar 12:1-13), Moshe was criticized for marrying a Cushite woman by Aaron and Miriam. It was then that G-D called Moshe, Aaron and Miriam to gather and sent a terrible skin disease to Miriam. Not only did Moshe sympathize for her but he pleaded with G-D to heal her. This was a woman that spoke out against him because of the *woman* he married. In my eyes, not many people would have done what Moshe did at that moment.

In (Shemot 3:1-15), Moses went into the woods and saw a burning bush. As he looked closer, Moshe realized that the bush wasn't burning yet it was still on fire. He walked towards the bush and heard G-D's voice through it. G-D told him to go to Egypt and lead the Israelites out. Moshe was skeptical at first saying that he couldn't talk well and that he wasn't confident but G-D told Moshe that he would be with him. Moshe trusted G-D and went to Egypt. Now, I speak at his funeral during a moment that might not be the same if he hadn't believed in G-D at that specific time.

In (Bamidbar 20:2-13), something a bit different happened. Yes, without a doubt, Moshe's life had countless inspiring moments but he was a human like us and wasn't perfect. Moshe had moments that he might have regretted. One of them was in a time where all of the Israelites were complaining non stop about a lack of food and water. The Israelites even started saying that they wanted to go back to Egypt because they thought they lived a better life there. As you might guess, this was a very hard time for Moshe because he had done all this work to get them out just to be told that they didn't appreciate it one bit. Because of this, G-D told him to get water from a rock for the Israelites and he let his anger get the better of him so he struck the rock twice with his staff. It was because of this, that G-D harshly punished Moshe by doing what some people think is the reason that Moses was not able to cross the Jordan river.

There is no arguing that Moshe was an amazing leader even with some of his faults and for me to fill sandals like *his* is a hard concept to wrap my mind around. I can't let Moshe down because I know what he would want from me. As a community, we have moments like these but you should know that what Moshe would want us to do is move on. It is not a question of if we will forget him but a question of whether we can move on from this and continue his legacy. What I can leave you off with is that no one will be forgetting Moshe anytime soon. Maybe even in 2016 some 8th grade class will write a Eulogy from my perspective. I take this as a special opportunity. An opportunity to take our sorrow and to use it to help our future. Thank you (Everyone is crying)..

Obituary of Moses by Asher

As I write this obituary for Moses, who I feel to be my superior in nearly every way, my emotions are mixed. I feel very sad that he died. He brought us through so much, and kept going even when many people disrespected and mistrusted him, like when Korach and his followers challenged his authority (Bamidbar 16). He did not anger, he went to G-d and told G-d of the situation. He was a calm person, and a just man. I also feel a little proud that he gave me the chance to continue his legacy, to lead the true people of canaan into their homeland. I hope that I am up to the task. I know that I can never replace Moses. Not only was he a just and rightful leader, but he was also merciful. When I and the eleven other spies who were sent into canaan returned, and all but Caleb and I claimed that the land was unconquerable (Bamidbar 13:1 to 15:41), G-d offered to Moses to destroy all of the israelites, and make for Moses a new nation, Moses stopped G-d by the use of logic. I also feel a little bit angry. Why, at this crucial moment in our history, did G-d decide that now was the time for Moses to die? There have been times in which Moses has transgressed, like when he broke the original two tablets (Exodus 32). However, this was not his fault, as he was angered to do so when he saw that the israelites had made a calf out of gold and were worshipping it as an idol. But, as I said before, the main emotion that I feel right now is sadness. I know that one of the greatest leaders of our people has passed away, G-d greatest prophet, to whom G-d spoke face to face. Let us hope that we can refill the hole that he has left in our hearts and our nation.

Eulogy For Moses by Bella

We are gathered here today to commemorate a devastating loss in our community, Moses Ben Amram. I know that no one could ever replace such an amazing role model and leader as Moses, but I will try my best to continue to lead you all to happy and plentiful lives in our land flowing with milk and honey. Moses had courage, confidence and determination, and he showed those traits and more in his many amazing stories of success in leading us from slavery to freedom and beyond.

One of Moses's stories (Numbers 20) was when we were wandering in the desert and we were very aggravated with our conditions. We then endlessly complained to Moses and Aaron and they were very frustrated. Moses spoke with God about finding a way to get water, and God told Moses to speak to a rock. However, Moses became impatient and hit the rock with his staff instead. God was not too pleased about this and became very angry with Moses. I believe that Moses had a right to become frustrated, even if he did not follow God's instructions- he had a lot of pressure on him, and we were not making it any easier for him.

Another one of Moses' incredibly stories was when his siblings, Miriam and Aaron were gossiping about him behind his back (Numbers 12). They criticized him for marrying a Cushite woman, as they thought it was arrogant of him. God then became very angry at them for insulting Moses, whom God respected and trusted deeply. God punished Miriam by giving her leprosy. However, Moses did not show the same fury as God did when he found out that his siblings gossiped about him. In fact, he prayed to God to heal Miriam. Being able to forgive so easily and unconditionally love someone was an amazing trait of Moses' that we will all miss.

I would like to tell one more story about Moses. I am going to bring us all back to a long time ago, when Moses was only eighty years old. He stumbled upon a very peculiar thing- a burning bush. God was actually the burning bush, and God told Moses that God needed him to free the Israelites-us-from slavery. Moses was doubtful, at first, but God convinced him and we are so grateful for that. If it were not for Moses we would still be enslaved in Egypt.

I know that you are all very worried about not having Moses here to lead you, but do not lose faith. I promise to lead you as best as I can. I will be honest with you; I am scared and nervous to take over Moses' role in our nation as he did so many amazing things for us, but I think that I am ready for this job. We will miss Moses very much. May he rest in peace.