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1. In an article in the forward:  
 25% of the top 400 wealthiest  
 people and 35% of America's biggest  
 philanthropists are Jewish.



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2. This week's Parsha:  
 The Jews make a golden calf; G-d  
 and Moses argue whose fault it is.

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3. G-d blames Moses:  
 G-d says, "Your nation," referring to  
 the mixed multitudes (Pharaoh's  
 sorcerers among them) that Moses  
 accepted on his own, "has committed  
 an abomination."



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4. The mixed multitudes?  
 They were not honest converts.  
 They were glory seekers. They join  
 for they realized that it would be  
 worthwhile.



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5. G-d knew that their motives were not pure but Moses welcomed them. As soon as Moses was not in camp they rebelled; G-d blamed Moses.



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6. Moses blames G-d:  
 "You lavished gold upon them. What did you expect?"  
 Mashal: Parents who give their children internet access can't be surprised when they find bad sites!

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7. Is money good for the Jews was an ongoing argument between them: G-d had to beg Moses to make the people gather Egypt's wealth; Moses thought it was a bad idea.



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8. Physical wealth impedes spirituality. All Moses took was Josef's casket.



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9: Jewish leaders have debated this throughout.

Story: the Alter Rebbe blows the shofar to defeat Napoleon. (see full sermon)



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10: In the shtetl you don't need money to serve G-d.

These days we need money to help bring Moshiach!

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