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1. Recently I was asked if I knew of a certain ball player who is famed for his nearly 7ft stature.



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2. As a child I was told that Moses was 10 Amos, 15ft tall while Pharaoh was 1 amah.  
 I thought that surely it is within G-d's power to create giant men.

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3. Then I found out that The Talmud's description of Moses and Pharaoh was not to be taken literally.



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4. The Rebbe brings 3 proofs that Moses wasn't super tall:  
 a. There no hint of extraordinary height anywhere in Torah.  
 b. Jethro's daughters don't say, "A giant man saved us from the shepherds."



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5. c. In the Parsha we are told that Moses miraculously lifts the 15ft beams of the Mishkan walls. A 15ft man wouldn't need a miracle to lift beams of the same height.



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6. The meaning of Moses' 10 *amos* vs. Pharaoh's 1 *amah*:  
 Quality is now measure "on a scale from 1-10".

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7. Why is 10 the perfect number?  
 The world was created with the Ten Utterances. The competition of everything in it is 10.



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8. A Minyan = ten men.  
 Ten Commandments.  
 Ten levels of Jews heads, judges...  
 woodchoppers, water carriers.  
 Ten days of repentance.  
 Ten levels of holiness in Israel



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9. The Talmud grades Moses and Pharaoh on their holiness 1-10.  
 Moses = a perfect 10 points  
 Pharaoh= a sorry 1 point.



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10. While physical height is G-d given, He has also given every Jew the power to spring in a moment from a 1 to a perfect 10!

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