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1. Joke with Rabbi repeating speech.



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2. Reuven and Gad request Moshe that they should be allowed to remain on the eastern side of the Jordan River.

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3. Moshe refuses vehemently and compares their request to the actions of the spies 39 years earlier.



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4. The tribes' respond by offering to lead the Jews into the fight for the land and this appeases Moshe and he grants them their request. Why?



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5. In exile, different types of Jews need different atmospheres. A Jew who's materialistic needs to live in Israel, surrounded by Jews and Judaism. For a Jew to live outside of Israel, he needs to be of a very strong character.



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6. At first, Moshe saw a group of businessmen, interested only in benefiting their herds. After their offer to lead the fight, Moshe discovered a side of self-sacrifice that convinced him they would be ideal for living outside of Israel.

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7. Why did Moshe not ask that his bones be carried into Israel and buried there? He wanted to remain with these Jews of extraordinary self-sacrifice; in the portion of Gad.



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8. The Chassidim fleeing Russia in the 70's brought a song about surviving through fire and water. The Rebbe very much liked this song, which spoke of two types of tests facing Jews in exile. "Fire"- the tortures and troubles brought on the Jews through the generations. "Water"- the freedom and ease the Jews face nowadays in the free world, making it easy to assimilate.