

## BE BOLD BE BRAVE

### Background

At the very end of the Torah, we are told the **greatness** of Moshe. He spoke with HASHEM face to face, he brought forth all of the miracles in Mitzryaim, and he did many other acts. Included in the list of great things that Moshe did was the breaking of the *luchos*.

### Questions

What is so great about Moshe breaking the *luchos*? And even more, what right did Moshe have to do it? The *luchos* are among the holiest objects ever created. They were entrusted to him as a messenger to bring to the Jewish people. When he saw that the Jews sinned and weren't worthy, he should have brought them back to their Owner. Instead, he smashed them, thereby destroying them. Where did he get the right to do that? Where did he get the courage and the strength? And why is this considered something that demonstrates Moshe's eternal greatness?

**תלמוד בבלי מסכת סוכה דף לח/ ספר דברים פרק לד**

(י) וְלֹא קָם נְבִיא עוֹד בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל כְּמֹשֶׁה אֲשֶׁר יָדְעוּ יְדוֹד פְּנִים אֶל פְּנִים

(יא) לְכֹל הָאֵתוֹת וְהַמוֹפְתִים אֲשֶׁר שְׁלַחוּ יְדוֹד לַעֲשׂוֹת בְּאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם לַפְרָעָה וּלְכֹל עֲבָדָיו וּלְכֹל אֶרְצוֹ

(יב) וּלְכֹל הַיָּד הַחֲזָקָה וּלְכֹל הַמוֹרָא הַגָּדוֹל אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה מֹשֶׁה לְעֵינֵי כָל יִשְׂרָאֵל

10) And no prophet will arise again in Israel like Moshe, who knew HASHEM face to face.

11) And to all of the miracles and wonders that HASHEM sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh and all his servants in that land.

12) And to the mighty hand and the great wonders that Moshe did to the eyes of all of Israel.

**רש"י על דברים פרק לד פסוק יב לעיני כל ישראל - שנשאו לבו לשבור הלוחות לעיניהם שנאמר ואשברם לעיניכם והסכימה דעת הקב"ה לדעתו שנאמר אשר שברת יישר כחך ששברת**

**Rashi — To the eyes of all of Israel:** *That he raised his heart and broke the luchos in front of their eyes... and HASHEM agreed with what he did, as it says, "Yasher koach (job well done) that you have broken them."*