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Maggid Discussion

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The Israelites were a prosperous, powerful people in Egypt. How did Pharaoh manage to enslave them so quickly? The Israelites were 'well connected.' How did Pharaoh persuade his people to join in the exploitation, enslavement, and ultimately, the genocide of their Israelite neighbors?

Moses had two identities — son of slaves, and prince of Egypt. He could have spent his lifetime in the palace. Why did he "go out to his brothers?" Why did he choose to identify with the slave and not the master?

Pharaoh's stubborn refusal to free the Israelites, despite the many plagues that ravaged Egypt, is attributed in the Bible to the "hardening of his heart." Why do nations persist in evil policies even when those policies bring devastation and humiliation?