

PARSHAT SHEMOT  
EXODUS 1:1-6:1  
HAFTARAH ISAIAH 27:66-28:13, 29:22-23  
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### A VESSEL OF MEANING

1. When she could no longer hide him, she got a wicker basket (תִּבְתָּה) for him... (Exodus 2:3)

Make yourself an ark (תִּבְתָּה)...Go into the ark (תִּבְתָּה)... (Genesis 6:14, 7:1)

Bible: תִּבְתָּה - ark; chest; box

Talmud: תִּבְתָּה תִּבְתָּה - ship, ark, chest, word

2. God's instruction to Noah means to "go into the word." There you will find a sanctuary of wisdom, meaning and holiness amidst the raging floodwaters of life. (Baal Shem Tov)

3. God said to Moses, “Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh.” (Exodus 3:14)

Preceded by:

“Who am I?” (3:11)

“I’ll be with you.” (3:12)

“Who are you?” (3:13)

4. Art evokes the mystery without which the world would not exist. (René Magritte)