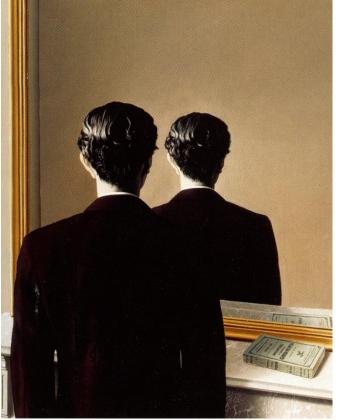
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A VESSEL OF MEANING

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

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

Bible: הֵכָה - ark; chest; box

Talmud: מִיבָה הֵכָה - 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)