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## What Happened to Moses' Descendants?

**Question:** Do we know anything about Moses' descendants? Did they enter the Land of Israel with everyone else?

**Answer:** After the Jews left Egypt, Moses' sons (Gershom and Eliezer), along with their mother (Zipporah) and grandfather (Jethro), rejoined their father in the desert. This is the last overt mention of Moses' sons in the Torah.

In fact, when the time came to choose a successor for Moses, our Sages relate that Moses requested one of his sons be appointed. G-d responded, "Your sons sat and did not occupy themselves with Torah. Joshua, who served you, is fitting to serve Israel."

And while Moses' physical progeny did not live up to his example, Aaron's sons — who succeeded their father as priests — did carry on the noble traditions of their father and uncle. G-d considered Moses' nephews as his children, for he was the one who taught them Torah. This is reflected in Numbers (3:1), which begins "These are the descendants of Moses and Aaron ..." but only lists Aaron's four sons.

Thus G-d reassured Moses, explaining that even Joshua would need to confer with Aaron's son, the High Priest, to know G-d's will.

*(by Menachem Posner from <http://www.chabad.org/>)*

## Jethro's Advice

### Courts of Justice

Jethro was likewise impressed by the law and order that prevailed in the camp of Israel, though they had been mere slaves a little while before. However, he criticized Moses for taking upon himself the entire burden of dispensing justice in all matters of argument and dispute that arose in the large community of the children of Israel, numbering several million souls. He suggested that Moses institute a system of judicial organization, wherein there were to be smaller and larger courts. There were to be appointed judges and officers of different rank—officers of a thousand, officers of 100, of 50, and of 10. They were to shoulder the burden of straightening out all major and minor disputes of the children of Israel. Only matters of far-reaching importance were to come before Moses himself. This suggestion of Jethro was well taken, and immediately put into effect.

Jethro did not stay long with Moses and the children of Israel. He returned to Midian to preach about the greatness of the G-d of Israel among the heathens. His descendants, the Kainites, remained friendly towards the Jewish people for many centuries.

*(by Jacob Isaacs from <http://www.chabad.org/>)*

**Miss. Ilana and Miss. Avigail Rubin** are sponsoring Kiddush this Shabbat

in honor of **their father's (Yechiel Rubin's) birthday.**



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Kol Hanaarim— Father and Son Learning — every Friday evening during the winter at 8:00 to 8:45 p.m. in The Shul. Cholent and other refreshments are served. Each session is 'topped off' at the end with a fascinating story. For any questions, please see Rabbi Itzkowitz.

## Yahrzeits This Week:

Rabbi Gavriel Newman 25 Shevat - Wednesday night / Thursday for father Rabbi Yaakov Yisrael Neuman

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## DAVENING AND SHIURIM SCHEDULE

**Friday, 2/10 — 19 Shevat**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Candles — 5:19 p.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:20 p.m.

**Shabbat, 2/11 — 20 Shevat**

Shacharit — 9:00 a.m.  
Sof Z'man Kriat Shema — 9:40 a.m.  
Minchah — 5:05 p.m.  
Shiur: *Overcoming Folly* — after Minchah  
Ma'ariv — 6:21 p.m.

**Sunday, 2/12 — 21 Shevat**

Shacharit — 8:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, 2/13 — 22 Shevat**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, 2/14 — 23 Shevat**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, 2/15 — 24 Shevat**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.

**Thursday, 2/16 — 25 Shevat**

Shacharit — 6:50 a.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.

**Friday, 2/17 — 26 Shevat**

Shacharit — 7:00 a.m.  
Shabbat Candles — 5:27 p.m.  
Minchah / Ma'ariv — 5:30 p.m.