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James Tissot, "The Death of Moses," Jewish Museum, New York

Deuteronomy 34:7-12

וּמֹשֶּׁה בֵּן־מֵאָה וְעֲשָׁרֵים שַׁנָה בִּמֹתָוֹ לֹא־כַהַתָּה עֵינִוֹ וְלֹא־נָס לַחָּה:

וַיִּבְכּוּ בְנֵי יִשְׁרָאֵל אֶת־מֹשֵׁה בְּעַרְבָת מוֹאָב שָׁלֹשֵׁים יֻוֹם וַיִּתְּמֹוּ יָמֵי בְכִי אֲבֶל מֹשֵׁה:

ַנִיהוֹשֶעַ בִּן־נֹוּן מַלֵאֹ רָוּחַ חָכָמָה כִּי־סַמַך מֹשֶה אֶת־יָדָיו עָלָיו נִיִּשְׁמִעוּ אֵלַיו בְּנֵי־יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיַּעֲשֹׁוּ כַּאֲשֵׁר צִוָּה יְהֹוָה אֶת־מֹשֶׁה:

וַלֹא־לָם נַבֵיא עוֹד בִּיִשְׂרָאֵל כָּמֹשֵׁה אֲשֶׁר יְדַעוֹ יְהֹוָה פַּנִים אֱל־פַּנִים:

לָכֶל־הָאֹתֿת וָהָמּוֹפָתִּים אֲשֶׁר שָׁלָחוֹ יָהֹנָה לְעֲשָׂוֹת בָּאֲרֵץ מִצְרֵיִם לְפַרְעָה וּלְכֶל־עַבָדֵיו וּלְכֶל־אַרְצְוֹ:

וּלְכֹל הַיַּד הַחַזַלָּה וּלְכָל הַמּוֹרֵא הַגַּדְוֹל אֲשֶׁר עֲשֵׂה מֹשֶׁה לְעֵינֵי כַּל־יִשְׂרַאֵל:

Moses was a 120 years old when he died; his eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated. And the Israelites bewailed Moses in the steppes of Moab for 30 days. The period of wailing and mourning for Moses came to an end. Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands upon him; and the Israelites heeded him, doing as God had commanded Moses. Never again did there

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arise in Israel a prophet like Moses – whom God singled out, face to face, for the various signs and portents that God sent him to display in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his courtiers and his whole country, and for all the great might and awesome power that Moses displayed before all Israel.

Reflective Question

Name the longest leadership project you've ever worked on.

Leadership Challenge

What leadership achievement do you want to bring others right to the edge of?