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- B. "How many Does it take to Build a Tabernacle in a Desert?" →  
: יְהוָה נִזְמָן לְבָנָן יַעֲקֹב בֶּן־יַעֲקֹב וְיַעֲקֹב  
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I. Problem of Moses in Desert = G-d commands building of tab.,  
and he wonders: do I have the necessary people for it? (quote 1<sup>st</sup> part)

A- The Religious Problem: My people are newly freed slaves,  
just came out of Egypt. Will they grasp the  
idea of a central place of worship? Will there be enough  
people able to free themselves of building little  
temples in back-yard at which each family  
worships idol? Is Israel ready for this yet?

Do I have the leaders to inspire Israel for it?

B. The Financial Problem

B - The Artistic Problem - Beautiful decorations -

ARK, curtains, Altars, etc. require tedious, skillful,  
expert work. I have only one <sup>craftsmen</sup> carpenter. Who's going to  
<sup>goldsmiths, silversmiths, coppersmiths...</sup> do it? - what first?!

C. The Financial Problem - Who's going to donate

the <sup>ark</sup>, the unicorn skins, + gold plate,  
and pens? O g-d - you don't want us to ~~show~~  
arrange a testimonial dinner or door bidders, + you  
won't allow name plaques or publicity, ~~if that's~~  
+ campaigns. If that's so, ~~what's~~ what's?

II. We face same problem in all aspects of life.

A. Personally

A. Naturally - we've always answered in the neg. to most problems. We're too disunited to build a Jewish state. Too many non-Zionists in USA. Not enough sentiment for Zionism to convince a State Dept can't trample on Israel. Always self-delusory.

[The Psychological Element: Freud, in "Wit & the Unconscious" that Jews, esp. as evident from Jewish humour; always self-critical - good, but not when overdone].

B. Personally + community-wide - same difficulty - task looks insurmountable. Problems facing us - whether we realize it or not - are staggering. Are the few active people alone enough to combat them?

III. To these problems, Q-d's answer is strong & clear.

... פְּרִזְבֵּתָה מִלְּגָדֶל, מִלְּפָנֵי הַבְּנִים אֲלֵיכֶם שְׁמַעַת וְלֹא  
(explain) (if we man show way, thus follow)

A-Moses - leave it to each individual to have his better nature solve his problem; let each give his art, and let each give of his substance - if necessary, we man can do it so & every one can solve the problems & build the Temple.

B-tours - same.