

# A Midrash for Monday (#6)

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“These are the words that Moshe spoke... (Deuteronomy 1:1).

*The Jews said to Moshe, “Yesterday you said, ‘I’m not a man of words’ (Exodus 4:10), but now you’re talking so much!”*

Rebbe Yitzchak explained, “If you’re speech-impaired [as Moshe Rabbeinu was], speak many words of Torah and heal yourself. Moshe [when he began to address the Jews at the beginning of Devarim/Deuteronomy] had already learned the entire Torah.”

When Moshe tried to resist being appointed the Israelites’ savior, he told God, “I’m not a man of words.” God asked him, “Adam knew all the 70 languages? Where did he know them from? Don’t think ‘not being a man of words’ is an insurmountable problem.”

*Midrash Tanchuma, Devarim #2*

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