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How many does it take to build a tabernacle in a desert?

I. Problem of Moring in Desert = God commands building of tabernacle, and he worries: do I have the necessary people for it? (Exod 18:21)

A. The Religious Problem: Are people are newly freed slaves, just came out of slavery and all. Will they grasp the idea of a central place of worship? Will there be enough people able to feed themselves? Building little temple in backyard, 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

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

A. Personally

1. Naturally, we've always answered in the neg. to "build a Jewish State". We're too divided to build a Jewish State. Too many non-Jews in a USA. Not enough sentiment for Zionism to convince a State Dept. can't handle it in Israel. "always self-defeating story."

2. The Psychological Element: Friend, in "Hitler's U-Boat Men" that Jews, esp. non-Jews, thought Jews were always self-critical - good, but not when overcome.

B. Personally & community-wise, 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, S.D.'s answer is strong & clear.

A. Moshe: Leave it to each individual to have his \_nature solve his problems; let each give his all and let each give of his substance; if necessary, we may not do it ourselves every one can solve the problem build the Temple.

B. To us: same.