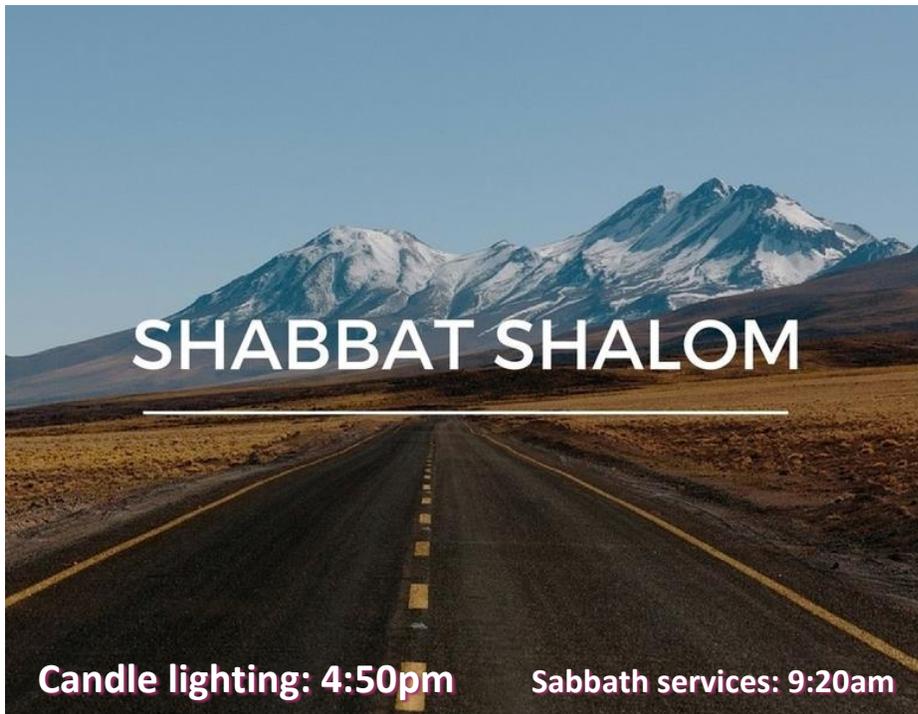




Carnegie Shul Chatter

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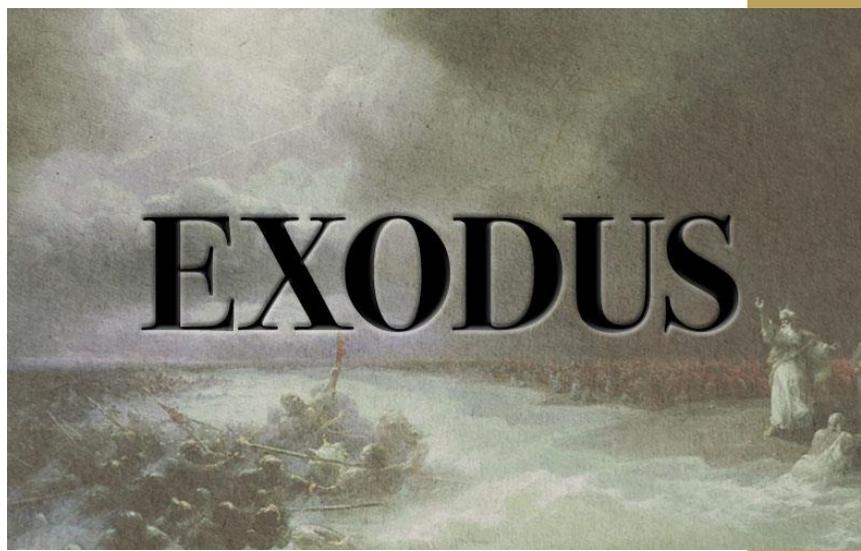


Passover... Already?

Well, here we are again, Parshah Shemos, the parshah of my Bar Mitzvah, which was on January 23 those many years ago, and the first parshah in the Book of Exodus.

A parshah summary from Chabad.org follows, but I always find it odd that this parshah, which is so relevant to Passover, is read in January rather than in March or April to coincide with Passover.

Nonetheless, on the next page is Shemos in a nutshell.



A Tale of Two Babies

Here we are just a week after our Christian friends celebrated the birth of a baby, Jesus, in a manger in Bethlehem. Jesus grew up to be their Messiah, and more than just their Messiah, many Christians consider Jesus to be the son of God or God himself in human form.

But Shemos tells us the story of the birth of another baby, Moses, who grew up to be our lawgiver and our greatest prophet.

Yes, Moses was the man who delivered the message to Pharaoh to let the Hebrews go, and Moses was the man who received the Ten Commandments and led his people across the wilderness to the Promised Land, but he was not our Messiah. He was a man acting for, and on behalf of, God. And Jews have never proclaimed Moses to be a God or Son of God as the Christians have proclaimed Jesus to be.

Yes, our faith tells us that God, not Moses, brought us forth from Egypt to be our God and that we shall have no other God before him.

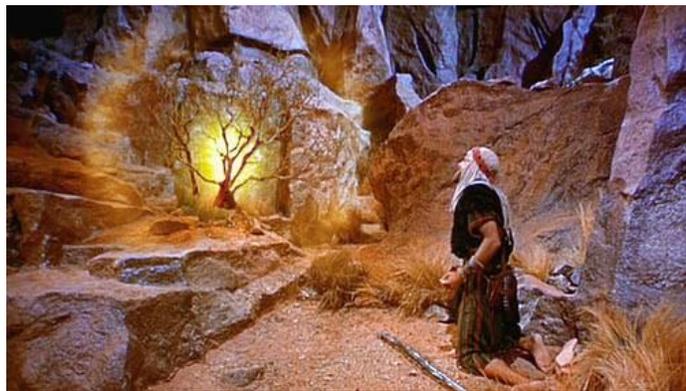
We don't pray to God in the name of Moses, as Christians pray to God in the name of Jesus. We pray directly to God. And that is more than good enough for me.

The children of Israel multiply in Egypt. Threatened by their growing numbers, Pharaoh enslaves them and orders the Hebrew midwives, Shifrah and Puah, to kill all male babies at birth. When they do not comply, he commands his people to cast the Hebrew babies into the Nile.

A child is born to Yocheved, the daughter of Levi, and her husband, Amram, and placed in a basket on the river, while the baby's sister, Miriam, stands watch from afar. Pharaoh's daughter discovers the boy, raises him as her son, and names him Moses.

As a young man, Moses leaves the palace and discovers the hardship of his brethren. He sees an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, and kills the Egyptian. The next day he sees two Jews fighting; when he admonishes them, they reveal his deed of the previous day, and Moses is forced to flee to Midian. There he rescues Jethro's daughters, marries one of them (Tziporah), and becomes a shepherd of his father-in-law's flocks.

G-d appears to Moses in a burning bush at the foot of Mount Sinai, and instructs him to go to Pharaoh and demand: "Let My people go, so that they may serve Me." Moses' brother, Aaron, is appointed to serve as his spokesman. In Egypt, Moses and Aaron assemble the elders of Israel to tell them that the time of their redemption has come. The people believe; but Pharaoh refuses to let them go, and even intensifies the suffering of Israel.



Moses returns to G-d to protest: "Why have You done evil to this people?" G-d promises that the redemption is close at hand.

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Marthe is 96 years old and lives with her husband in California. She travels internationally sharing her remarkable story and has no plans of slowing down.

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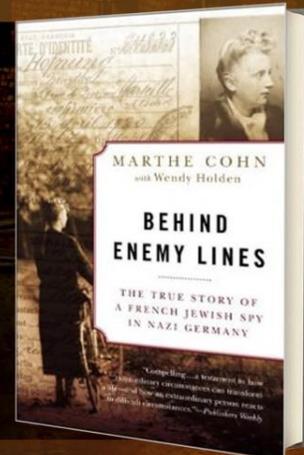
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