



# Carnegie Shul Chatter

January 12, 2022



Light candles 4:57pm

Shabbat Services 9:30am

## Shabbat Services

The Carnegie Shul continues to offer hybrid Shabbat services. Please join us in the sanctuary, providing you have been vaccinated for Covid 19. Masks are optional. To attend virtually, watch for a Zoom link in your email. If you don't receive it, contact Rosalyn Hoffman at [rjlynman@yahoo.com](mailto:rjlynman@yahoo.com). The complete Torah reading, in Hebrew and English, can be found on line at [https://www.chabad.org/parshah/torahreading\\_cdo/aid/2492603/jewish/Shemot-Torah-Reading.htm](https://www.chabad.org/parshah/torahreading_cdo/aid/2492603/jewish/Shemot-Torah-Reading.htm)

## Be More Like Moses

In this week's parshah we meet Moses, the man who, despite his initial reluctance, following God's instructions, confronts Pharaoh, and then leads the Children of Israel out of Egypt, through the wilderness, and to the Promised Land.

Moses devoted his entire life to the service of God. He didn't receive monetary compensation, free vacations, or other special rewards. He had to put up with a whole lot of grief from the Children of Israel along the way, and he didn't even get to enter the Promised Land.

Can you imagine anyone doing that today?

Today we have trouble getting most people to obey the mitzvot that God has asked us to follow. And we even have trouble getting people to spend a couple of hours on a Sabbath morning to attend services.

Maybe we should all try being a little bit more like Moses.

# Shemot in a Nutshell

## Exodus 1:1–6:1

*From Chabad.org*

The name of the Parshah, “Shemot,” means “Names” and it is found in Exodus 1:1 - 6:1.

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.



# Haftorah in a Nutshell

## Isaiah 27:6–28:13; 29:22–23

This week’s haftorah parallels the week’s Torah reading on many levels. One of the parallels is the message of redemption conveyed by Isaiah—“and you shall be gathered one by one, O children of Israel”—that is reminiscent of the message of redemption that G-d spoke to Moses at the burning bush, a message that Moses then communicated to Pharaoh.

The haftorah vacillates between Isaiah’s prophecies concerning the future redemption, and

his admonitions concerning the Jews' drunken and G-dless behavior. Isaiah starts on a positive note: "In the coming days, Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom, filling the face of the earth . . ." He mentions G-d's mercy for His nation, and the measure-for-measure punishment He meted out upon the Egyptians who persecuted them. And regarding the future redemption: "You shall be gathered one by one, O children of Israel. And it will come to pass on that day that a great shofar will be sounded, and those lost in the land of Assyria and those exiled in the land of Egypt will come, and they will prostrate themselves before the L-rd on the holy mount in Jerusalem."



The prophet then proceeds to berate the drunkenness of the Ten Tribes, warning them of the punishment that awaits them. "With the feet they shall be trampled, the crown of the pride of the drunkards of Ephraim . . ."

The haftorah ends on a positive note: "Now Jacob will no longer be ashamed, and now his face will not pale. For when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, who shall sanctify My name . . . and the G-d of Israel they will revere."

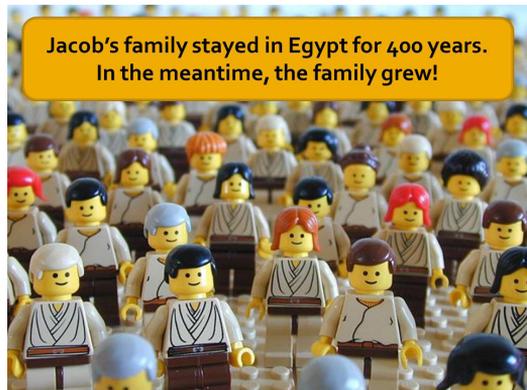
## Haftorah Commentary

*By Reuben Ebrahimoff at [haftorahman@haftorahman.com](mailto:haftorahman@haftorahman.com)*

This week's Haftorah begins with the story of how Hashem caused Yaakov's family to multiply while in Israel. This relates to the Parsha because it also discusses how Hashem helped the Jews multiply while in Egypt.

Hashem criticizes the Jews for overindulging in physical pleasure, especially when he is bestowing goodness upon them in their times of strife. Hashem blessed Bnei Yisroel with many children and plenty of food to eat while they resided in Egypt. He even showed mercy when bringing forth punishment on Bnei Yisroel. When Hashem seeks retribution for other nations' sins, His punishment is more severe. Yishayahu commands the inhabitants of the kingdom of the Ten Tribes to destroy their idols. He encourages the Jews to do teshuva, repentance, for then they will be redeemed.

However, the kingdom of the Ten Tribes does not heed Yishayahu's advice and overindulge in physical pleasures, which results in their exile. The Kingdom of Yehudah, Judah, also sins by overindulging in food, drink, and merriment. Yishayahu reminds Bnei Yisroel that there will be punishment if they ignore his reproof, which they proceed to do. However, the Haftorah concludes on an optimistic note that one day, Yaakov (Jacob) will be proud of his descendants. For ultimately, the Jewish people will behave as they should, following in Derech Hashem, The ways of Hashem.



# Yahrtzeits

*This week the Carnegie Shul acknowledges the yahrtzeits of:*

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*May their memories be for a blessing.*

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## **TWO JEWISH FEMALE JUSTICES: RUTH BADER GINSBURG & ELENA KAGAN**

Presented by: **Dr. Rose Feinberg**  
**Thursday, January 26, 2023**  
**at 7:00 pm**



Discover how each woman's life and Jewish heritage related to steps taken to becoming a Supreme Court Justice. Other Jewish Justices will be mentioned at the end of the program. Pictures and video clips via PowerPoint enhance this presentation.



Dr. Rose Feinberg is a popular presenter and Lifelong Learning Instructor for Florida Atlantic University and Nova University. Rose earned her Doctor of Education degree from Boston University and was a school principal in Massachusetts. She was an Adjunct Professor at several universities, including Florida Atlantic University. Her prior careers in education, as well as her theater training, have enabled her to research and create twenty-six informative and entertaining programs, using PowerPoint and video clips.