

Passover Skit 2015

Narrator: There once was a man named Jacob. He was married to a woman named Leah. He was also married to another woman named Rachel. In total, Jacob had 12 sons. The last two children were with Rachel. The first of Jacob and Rachel's children was named Joseph. Now, Jacob favored Joseph over all of his other children, and the other children knew that.

Scene 1

(All sons sitting and standing together and talking when Jacob walks in)

Jacob: Joseph, my dear son?

Joseph: Yes father? What is it?

Jacob: I got you a present.

Joseph: Really? What is it?

Jacob: It's a coat. It's made out of the finest cloth and it's just for you!

Joseph: Wow! This is great. Thank you so much!

(Joseph frozen admiring his coat while Jacob is frozen triumphantly)

Reuben: This is getting out of hand!

Simeon: I agree. We know he loves Joseph the most but getting him this valuable gift and getting us nothing!

Judah: We have to do something about it.

Naphtali: Joseph must go away.

Levi: For a long time...

Asher: A very, very long time.

Zebulun: I know! How about tomorrow we bring him out into the field. Then we will sell him to the Ishmaelites and have him sent to slavery in Egypt.

Gad: Yeah! Then he will be gone and we will get some money.

Dan: But wait! What makes you think father will believe us! He doesn't believe us when we say we're out of milk!

Reuben: It's simple. We just need to get a hold of that precious coat. Then we dip it in goat blood and bring it to father. We will say that Joseph has been killed.

Simeon: Great plan. Let's meet out in the field tomorrow afternoon to get rid of the pesky little brother once and for all.

(all walk out except Benjamin who stands there looking nervous)

Gad: Benjamin! Come on!

(Benjamin runs off still looking nervous)

Scene 2

(Joseph picking corn in the field when his brothers jump out and scare him)

Joseph: (falls on the ground) Guys! What are you doing here? You scared me to death!

Simeon: (muttering) That was kind of the plan... (Reuben elbows him in the side)... I mean nice corn! (clearly in pain)

Reuben: What he means to say is... GET HIM! (to the other brothers)

(All the brothers grab him and his coat. Joseph is tied up and thrown on the ground.)

Joseph: Why are you doing this?

Judah: Do you think it's fun always being the second best? Never being loved by your father?
Joseph: I didn't mean to make him love me more than you guys! Truly! I didn't!
Dan: Well that doesn't matter!

Brothers: You're the one that I want - You're the one he loves most

*You're the one he loves most
 You are the one he loves
You ooh ooh Joseph
The one he loves most
 You are the one he loves
You ooh ooh
Well can't you see
It's jealousy
You're the one he loves most
 You are the one he loves
You ooh ooh Joseph
The one he loves most
You are the one he loves
You ooh ooh
You gotta go
'cause now we know
You're the one he loves most*

(The Ishmaelites take Joseph and the brothers dip the coat in goat blood)

Narrator: Joseph lived in Egypt as a slave until the Pharaoh discovered his talent. Joseph can decipher dreams. Joseph was then made a very important person for the Pharaoh. He was given riches and was always busy with important jobs given to him by the Pharaoh. After a while of Joseph living in greatness, there was a famine in Canaan, where his brothers and father lived. They came to Egypt in search of food. When they got there they found Joseph. He forgave them for their past actions and helped them get food. After centuries of living in harmony, Joseph, and his brother's descendants grew into a large population. The current Pharaoh, afraid of them taking over the land and revolting against the Egyptians, enslaved them. Even in slavery the Hebrews continued to have many children.

Egypt Nights - Summer Nights

*Hebrews:
We tell the Pharaoh he works us to the ground
Complain to Pharaoh but he don't hear a sound
We get no breaks not even to pee
We work long hours long as can be
Egypt days in the sun's rays
But uh all those Egypt nights*

Pharaoh:

Well uh Well uh Well uh Huh!

Work some more

Work some more

But you don't get no pay

Work some more

Work some more

C'mon we don't have all day

Uh huh Uh huh Uh huh

Uh huh Uh huh Uh huh

Hebrews:

Only one meal for every day

In our hours we do not have a say

The heat is brutal right on our back

Watch out for guards they might attack

Egypt days in the sun's rays but uh

those Egypt nights

In order to stop the population from growing, the Pharaoh declared to kill all the firstborn of the Hebrews. One mother, didn't like this rule.

Scene 3

Pharaoh: Shiffra! Puah! Come here! I have a job for you.

Shiffra: Yes pharaoh? What do you request of us?

Pharaoh: As Jewish midwives, I need you to go kill all the Jewish male children for me.

Puah: Excuse me? You want us to do all the dirty work for you?

Shiffra: Yeah! And no! We refuse to do anything of the sort.

Pharaoh: (like a child) Why not? I want you to.

Puah: Whatever. Come on Shiffra! I have an idea of how we can make the Pharaoh think we're going to do what he wants.

Shiffra: Let's get out of here. Are you up for a pedicure?

(both walk out confidently)

Narrator: Shiffra and Puah were brave midwives who worked to foil the Pharaoh's plan. They made the Pharaoh believe they agreed to his plan, but instead they did not kill the newborns and when asked by Pharaoh why they had defied him, they replied that the Jewish women were "lively" and gave birth quickly, resulting in Shiffra and Puah missing the births.

Scene 3.5

Yocheved: Miriam! The Pharaoh has now decreed to drown all the Hebrew boy babies at birth. We've hidden baby Moses for three months now but we can't hide him any longer! We need to decide what we are going to do.

Miriam: I know, but, how can we get him out of this mess? There is no way he will be safe as long as he is with us!

Yocheved: I have an idea. We could send him down this river here. Hopefully someone, maybe the Pharaoh's daughter, will find him soon and he will be safe, at last.

Miriam: That's a good idea, I'll stand guard and you can float him down the river. Here, put him in this basket.

Yocheved: Ok, go now. I must get this over with and say goodbye.

(Yocheved with Moses in the basket)

Someone will take care of you - Hopelessly devoted to you

Yocheved:

*Guess mine is not the first heart broken
My eyes are not the first to cry
I'm not the first to know
There's just no getting over you*

*You know, I'm a just a mom who's willing
To take a stand and save your life
But baby, can't you see
There's nothing else for me to do?
I'm hopelessly devoted to you.*

*But now, I must run and hide
And push my love aside
I'm out of my head
Someone will take care of you!
Batya will take care of you!
ooh ooh ooh
I'm hopelessly devoted to you!*

(Moses floats down the river and the Pharaoh's daughter picks him up - Miriam follows the basket)

Pharaoh's daughter: Hi. Are you all alone? I'll take good care of you.

Miriam: Excuse me, but I know a terrific Jewish woman who can help you take care of the infant.

Pharaoh's daughter: What a great idea. Call her here to come here. What's her name?

Miriam: Her name is Yocheved

Narrator: The Pharaoh's daughter brings Moses back to her father's palace where Moses is then raised, with the help of his mother, as the prince of Egypt. One day, Moses witnesses a guard beating a Hebrew. He is very mad and then kills the guard. Fearing for his life he runs away into a forest

Moses: (sees the burning bush) Hmmm. I wonder why this bush is not burning up. It's on fire.
Let me go take a closer look.

The voice of God: Moses! Moses!

Moses: Here I am.

The voice of God: Moses, I need you! I need you to go to pharaoh, and tell him to free the Hebrews! They are my people. Your people! Help set your people free!

Go Down Moses - Greased Lightning

God:

Go Down Moses, you have to free the Jews right now

(Go Moses, Go Down Moses)

Go Down Moses, just go and I'll show you how

(Go Moses, Go Down Moses)

I am supreme, the Jews'll scream when you free them!

(Go, go, go, go, go, go, go, go, go, go)

Scene 4

(Pharaoh is sitting putting a collar on a human and Moses walks into the room)

Moses: Pharaoh!

Pharaoh: What is it prince? Why are you distressed?

Moses: Pharaoh, I was walking in the desert when I heard the voice of God. He told me I needed to save all the Hebrews from you and stop them from being enslaved anymore! I believe him! Pharaoh, these are MY people. What you are doing to my people is not fair. Let my people go!

Pharaoh: I refuse! These people are my property! They live in my land! I can treat whoever like whatever I please! Your God is not MY god. Leave. Servant! Come paint my nails, the undercoat's dry.

Pharaoh Sings: THERE ARE WORSE THINGS I COULD DO SONG

There are worse things I could do

than enslave a jew or two

Though all the jews think I'm trashy and no good

I suppose it could be true, but there are worse things I could do

*I could wear white after labor day, pick my nose at traffic lights
Chew my dinner open-mouthed, wipe my nose up with my tie
Then refuse to wash my hands, that's a gross thing to do.*

(SLOWLY) But to let the jews go free, that's the thing I'd never do.

Narrator: Neither Moses nor God liked that. God let the Pharaoh, his family, his neighbors, his enemies, and everyone inbetween have it! He sprung onto them 10 plagues.

We go together - Here come the plagues

Everyone:

*Here come the plagues
Like blood, frogs, lice, sick animals, pestilence
Then comes the rest
Like boils, hail, locusts, darkness, these are all really bad
Then there's the last one
The death of the first born
Look out
Wow*

Scene 4.5

Narrator: Anticipating the last plague, God commanded the Hebrews to mark their doorposts with lamb's blood so the Angel of Death would pass over their houses and save the Hebrew children.

Scene 5

(Moses is playing on a cell phone when Pharaoh walks in clearly plague stricken)

Pharaoh: Moses!

Moses: What is it Pharaoh? I think you have something in your hair! (amused)

Pharaoh: (Takes out a frog from his hair) I have had enough of these plagues! I give up. I hereby set all the Hebrews free from slavery. You must leave now, before I change my mind!

(Moses goes to a group of people)

Moses: Fellow friends, I just had a conversation with the Pharaoh. He set us all free! We must leave at once.

Jew: Uh, Moses?

Moses: What is it? Can it wait? We must get out of here!

Jew: I, um, kind of have to use the bathroom.

Moses: No! Leave everything, yell for your families and let's leave!

Baker: We have no time to finish baking our bread! What can we do? Can we stay for just a little while longer?

Moses: Of course not! Just take it. A little raw egg never hurt anyone! Now move, move, move!

Narrator: The Hebrews traveled until they got to the Red Sea. There they sat down to eat the unleavened bread.

Jew: (takes out matzah) What should we call this odd, unleavened bread? I know! Matzah!

Moses: (Turns around) Gesundheit. Hey, do you guys hear that? It's the guards from the Pharaoh! He warned me he might change his mind! We must get past this sea!

(Moses raises his staff in the air and calls to God in despair) God help us!

Narrator: Then the unthinkable happened, the waters of the Red Sea parted! Moses and the other Hebrews walked right through the sea, without getting a single drop of water on them. Then once they were across the water the Sea went back to normal and, let's just say, the Egyptian guards had the least fun pool party of their lives! That left Moses and his people to find the promised land, and to begin their forty year journey to freedom.

Look at us We're Modern Jews (to the tune of Look at me I'm Sandra Dee)

Look at us, we're Modern Jews, lots of freedoms we can use

Our Freedom will last, and we retell the past, because we're Modern Jews.

HAPPY PASSOVER EVERYBODY!!!