

2020 Women's League Shabbat Message  
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On this Women's League Shabbat, women across North America gather together to acknowledge and honor their sisterhoods and members.

There are so many aspects of this week's *Parashat Shemot* that relate to sisterhood and Women's League. When the new Pharaoh doesn't remember Joseph, it reminds us, as groups and leaders change, to always acknowledge and be respectful of our past. Organizational history should not be dismissed. Celebrating the women who came before us helps guide the direction we take as we move to the future.

When Moses grows up and kills the Egyptian taskmaster, I am reminded of our need and responsibility to stand up to injustice. It is not enough to be disturbed by the wrongdoings of society. We, as Jews, must always be at the forefront of positive social change. Our history is rich in examples. We know that words are not enough. Respectful, yet compelling actions must follow.

Perhaps the most important part of *Shemot* is simply that Moses was born. Assuming God knew, but who else could have imagined the impact of his life on our people? To me, each of us have the ability to rise and take on leadership roles in every aspect of our lives. We have the potential within, to reach heights we never could imagine. I truly believe that belonging to sisterhood and Women's League offers opportunities for each and every member to achieve great things.

Remembering, standing up, and rising up are the lessons from *Parashat Shemot* that we should remember on this Women's League Shabbat. *Yasher Koach* to your sisterhood for hosting and participating in this Shabbat service. May you continue to lead the women of your Congregation. Your sustained commitment will indeed ensure the tenets of our faith for the future.