Anti-Semitism

שמות 1.

ח וַיָּקָם מֶלֶךְ־חָדָשׁ, עַל־מִצְרָיִם, אֲשֶׁר לֹא־יָדַע, אֶת־יוֹסֵף. **ט** וַיֹּאמֶר, אֶל־עַמּוֹ: הִנֵּה, עַם בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל--רַב וְעָצוּם, מִמֶּנּוּ. **י** הָבָה נִתְחַכְּמָה, לוֹ: פֶּן־יִרְבֶּה, וְהָיָה כִּי־תִקְרֶאנָה מִלְחָמָה וְנוֹסַף גַּם־הוּא עַל־שֹׂנְאֵינוּ, וְנִלְחַם־בָּנוּ, וְעָלָה מִן־הָאָרֶץ. **יא** וַיָּשִׂימוּ עָלָיו שָׂרֵי מִסִּים, לְמַעַן עַנֹּתוֹ בְּסִבְלֹתָם; וַיִּבֶן עָרֵי מִסְכְּנוֹת, לְפַרְעֹה--אֶת־פִּתֹם, וְאֶת־רַעַמְסֵס. **יב** וְכַאֲשֶׁר יְעַנּוּ אֹתוֹ, כֵּן יִרְבֶּה וְכֵן יִפְרֹץ; וַיָּקֻצוּ, מִפְּנֵי בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל. **יג** וַיַּעֲבִדוּ מִצְרַיִם אֶת־בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל, בְּפָרֶךְ. **יד** וַיְמָרְרוּ אֶת־חַיֵּיהֶם בַּעֲבֹדָה קָשָׁה, בְּחֹמֶר וּבִלְבֵנִים, וּבְכָל־עֲבֹדָה, בַּשָּׂדֶה--אֵת, כָּל־עֲבֹדָתָם, אֲשֶׁר־עָבְדוּ בָהֶם, בְּפָרֶךְ. **טו** וַיֹּאמֶר מֶלֶךְ מִצְרַיִם, לַמְיַלְּדֹת הָעִבְרִיֹּת, אֲשֶׁר שֵׁם הָאַחַת שִׁפְרָה, וְשֵׁם הַשֵּׁנִית פּוּעָה. **טז** וַיֹּאמֶר, בְּיַלֶּדְכֶן אֶת־הָעִבְרִיּוֹת, וּרְאִיתֶן, עַל־הָאָבְנָיִם: אִם־בֵּן הוּא וַהֲמִתֶּן אֹתוֹ, וְאִם־בַּת הִוא וָחָיָה.

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph. **9** And he said unto his people: 'Behold, the people of the children of Israel are too many and too mighty for us; **10** come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there befalleth us any war, they also join themselves unto our enemies, and fight against us, and get them up out of the land.' **11** Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Raamses. **12** But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And they were adread because of the children of Israel. **13** And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour. **14** And they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field; in all their service, wherein they made them serve with rigour. **15** And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah; **16** and he said: 'When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, ye shall look upon the birthstool: if it be a son, then ye shall kill him; but if it be a daughter, then she shall live.'

How did this happen? How could the Egyptians just enslave, and then kill the Jewish baby boys?

2

בראשית פרק לט

ה וַיְהִי מֵאָז הִפְקִיד אֹתוֹ בְּבֵיתוֹ, וְעַל כָּל־אֲשֶׁר יֶשׁ־לוֹ, וַיְבָרֶךְ יְהוָה אֶת־בֵּית הַמִּצְרִי, בִּגְלַל יוֹסֵף; וַיְהִי בִּרְכַּת יְהוָה, בְּכָל־אֲשֶׁר יֶשׁ־לוֹ--בַּבַּיִת, וּבַשָּׂדֶה. **ו** וַיַּעֲזֹב כָּל־אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ, בְּיַד־יוֹסֵף, וְלֹא־יָדַע אִתּוֹ מְאוּמָה, כִּי אִם־הַלֶּחֶם אֲשֶׁר־הוּא אוֹכֵל; וַיְהִי יוֹסֵף, יְפֵה־תֹאַר וִיפֵה מַרְאֶה. **ז** וַיְהִי, אַחַר הַדְּבָרִים הָאֵלֶּה, וַתִּשָּׂא אֵשֶׁת־אֲדֹנָיו אֶת־עֵינֶיהָ, אֶל־יוֹסֵף; וַתֹּאמֶר, שִׁכְבָה עִמִּי. **ח** וַיְמָאֵן--וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל־אֵשֶׁת אֲדֹנָיו, הֵן אֲדֹנִי לֹא־יָדַע אִתִּי מַה־בַּבָּיִת; וְכֹל אֲשֶׁר־יֶשׁ־לוֹ, נָתַן בְּיָדִי. **ט** אֵינֶנּוּ גָדוֹל בַּבַּיִת הַזֶּה, מִמֶּנִּי, וְלֹא־חָשַׂךְ מִמֶּנִּי מְאוּמָה, כִּי אִם־אוֹתָךְ בַּאֲשֶׁר אַתְּ־אִשְׁתּוֹ; וְאֵיךְ אֶעֱשֶׂה הָרָעָה הַגְּדֹלָה, הַזֹּאת, וְחָטָאתִי, לֵאלֹהִים. **י** וַיְהִי, כְּדַבְּרָהּ

אֶל־יוֹסֵף יוֹם יוֹם; וְלֹא־שָׁמַע אֵלֶיהָ לִשְׁכַּב אֶצְלָהּ, לִהְיוֹת עִמָּהּ. **יא** וַיְהִי כְּהַיּוֹם הַזֶּה, וַיָּבֹא הַבַּיְתָה לַעֲשׂוֹת
מְלַאכְתּוֹ; וְאֵין אִישׁ מֵאַנְשֵׁי הַבַּיִת, שָׁם--בַּבָּיִת. **יב** וַתִּתְפְּשֵׂהוּ בִּבְגָדוֹ לֵאמֹר, שִׁכְבָה עִמִּי; וַיַּעֲזֹב בִּגְדוֹ בְּיָדָהּ,
וַיָּנָס וַיֵּצֵא הַחוּצָה. **יג** וַיְהִי, כִּרְאוֹתָהּ, כִּי־עָזַב בִּגְדוֹ, בְּיָדָהּ; וַיָּנָס, הַחוּצָה. **יד** וַתִּקְרָא לְאַנְשֵׁי בֵיתָהּ, וַתֹּאמֶר
לָהֶם לֵאמֹר, רְאוּ הֵבִיא לָנוּ **אִישׁ עִבְרִי**, לְצַחֶק בָּנוּ: בָּא אֵלַי לִשְׁכַּב עִמִּי, וָאֶקְרָא בְּקוֹל גָּדוֹל. **טו** וַיְהִי כְּשָׁמְעוֹ,
כִּי־הֵרִימֹתִי קוֹלִי וָאֶקְרָא; וַיַּעֲזֹב בִּגְדוֹ אֶצְלִי, וַיָּנָס וַיֵּצֵא הַחוּצָה.

5 And it came to pass from the time that he appointed him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had, in the house and in the field. **6** And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and, having him, he knew not aught save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was of beautiful form, and fair to look upon. **7** And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said: 'Lie with me.' **8** But he refused, and said unto his master's wife: 'Behold, my master, having me, knoweth not what is in the house, and he hath put all that he hath into my hand; **9** he is not greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?' **10** And it came to pass, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. **11** And it came to pass on a certain day, when he went into the house to do his work, and there was none of the men of the house there within, **12** that she caught him by his garment, saying: 'Lie with me.' And he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. **13** And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, **14** that she called unto the men of her house, and spoke unto them, saying: 'See, he hath brought in a **Hebrew unto us to mock us**; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice. **15** And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled, and got him out.'

3

<u>בראשית פרק מא</u>

ט וַיְדַבֵּר שַׂר הַמַּשְׁקִים, אֶת־פַּרְעֹה לֵאמֹר: אֶת־חֲטָאַי, אֲנִי מַזְכִּיר הַיּוֹם. **י** פַּרְעֹה, קָצַף עַל־עֲבָדָיו; וַיִּתֵּן אֹתִי
בְּמִשְׁמַר, בֵּית שַׂר הַטַּבָּחִים--אֹתִי, וְאֵת שַׂר הָאֹפִים. **יא** וַנַּחַלְמָה חֲלוֹם בְּלַיְלָה אֶחָד, אֲנִי וָהוּא: אִישׁ כְּפִתְרוֹן
חֲלֹמוֹ, חָלָמְנוּ. **יב** וְשָׁם אִתָּנוּ **נַעַר עִבְרִי**, עֶבֶד לְשַׂר הַטַּבָּחִים, וַנְּסַפֶּר־לוֹ, וַיִּפְתָּר־לָנוּ אֶת־חֲלֹמֹתֵינוּ: אִישׁ
כַּחֲלֹמוֹ, פָּתָר. **יג** וַיְהִי כַּאֲשֶׁר פָּתַר־לָנוּ, כֵּן הָיָה: אֹתִי הֵשִׁיב עַל־כַּנִּי, וְאֹתוֹ תָלָה.

9 Then spoke the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying: 'I make mention of my faults this day: **10** Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in the ward of the house of the captain of the guard, me and the chief baker. **11** And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. **12** And there was with us there a young man, **a Hebrew, servant** to the captain

of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according to his dream he did interpret. **13** And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was: I was restored unto mine office, and he was hanged.'

4

בראשית פרק מג

ל וַיְמַהֵר יוֹסֵף, כִּי־נִכְמְרוּ רַחֲמָיו אֶל־אָחִיו, וַיְבַקֵּשׁ, לִבְכּוֹת; וַיָּבֹא הַחַדְרָה, וַיֵּבְךְּ שָׁמָּה. **לא** וַיִּרְחַץ פָּנָיו, וַיֵּצֵא; וַיִּתְאַפַּק--וַיֹּאמֶר, שִׂימוּ לָחֶם. **לב** וַיָּשִׂימוּ לוֹ לְבַדּוֹ, וְלָהֶם לְבַדָּם; וְלַמִּצְרִים הָאֹכְלִים אִתּוֹ, לְבַדָּם--**כִּי לֹא יוּכְלוּן הַמִּצְרִים לֶאֱכֹל אֶת־הָעִבְרִים לֶחֶם, כִּי־תוֹעֵבָה הִוא לְמִצְרָיִם**.

30 And Joseph made haste; for his heart yearned toward his brother; and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. **31** And he washed his face, and came out; and he refrained himself, and said: 'Set on bread.' **32** And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, that did eat with him, by themselves; **because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians.**

What is an Ivri a Hebrew?

5

בראשית פרק יד

יג וַיָּבֹא, הַפָּלִיט, וַיַּגֶּד **לְאַבְרָם הָעִבְרִי**; וְהוּא שֹׁכֵן בְּאֵלֹנֵי מַמְרֵא הָאֱמֹרִי, אֲחִי אֶשְׁכֹּל וַאֲחִי עָנֵר, וְהֵם, בַּעֲלֵי בְרִית־אַבְרָם.

13 And there came one that had escaped, and told **Abram the Hebrew**--now he dwelt by the terebinths of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and these were confederate with Abram.

6

בראשית פרק יב

ו וַיַּעֲבֹר אַבְרָם, בָּאָרֶץ, עַד מְקוֹם שְׁכֶם, עַד אֵלוֹן מוֹרֶה; וְהַכְּנַעֲנִי, אָז בָּאָרֶץ.

6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the terebinth of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

7

בראשית פרק מא

לח וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה, אֶל־עֲבָדָיו: הֲנִמְצָא כָזֶה--אִישׁ, אֲשֶׁר רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים בּוֹ. **לט** וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף, אַחֲרֵי הוֹדִיעַ אֱלֹהִים אוֹתְךָ אֶת־כָּל־זֹאת, אֵין־נָבוֹן וְחָכָם, כָּמוֹךָ. **מ** אַתָּה תִּהְיֶה עַל־בֵּיתִי, וְעַל־פִּיךָ יִשַּׁק כָּל־עַמִּי; רַק הַכִּסֵּא, אֶגְדַּל מִמֶּךָּ. **מא** וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה, אֶל־יוֹסֵף: רְאֵה נָתַתִּי אֹתְךָ, עַל כָּל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם.

38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants: 'Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the spirit of God is?' **39** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'Forasmuch as God hath shown thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou. **40** Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled; only in the throne will I be greater than thou.' **41** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.'

Pharaoh doesn't care that Joseph is a foreigner, a migrant, a non-citizen, or does he?

8

מב וַיָּסַר פַּרְעֹה אֶת־טַבַּעְתּוֹ מֵעַל יָדוֹ, וַיִּתֵּן אֹתָהּ עַל־יַד יוֹסֵף; וַיַּלְבֵּשׁ אֹתוֹ בִּגְדֵי־שֵׁשׁ, וַיָּשֶׂם רְבִד הַזָּהָב עַל־צַוָּארוֹ. **מג** וַיַּרְכֵּב אֹתוֹ, בְּמִרְכֶּבֶת הַמִּשְׁנֶה אֲשֶׁר־לוֹ, וַיִּקְרְאוּ לְפָנָיו, אַבְרֵךְ; וְנָתוֹן אֹתוֹ, עַל כָּל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם. **מד** וַיֹּאמֶר פַּרְעֹה אֶל־יוֹסֵף, אֲנִי פַרְעֹה; וּבִלְעָדֶיךָ, לֹא־יָרִים אִישׁ אֶת־יָדוֹ וְאֶת־רַגְלוֹ--בְּכָל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם. **מה** וַיִּקְרָא פַרְעֹה שֵׁם־יוֹסֵף, צָפְנַת פַּעְנֵחַ, וַיִּתֶּן־לוֹ אֶת־אָסְנַת בַּת־פּוֹטִי פֶרַע כֹּהֵן אֹן, לְאִשָּׁה; וַיֵּצֵא יוֹסֵף, עַל־אֶרֶץ מִצְרָיִם.

42 And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck. **43** And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him: 'Abrech'; and he set him over all the land of Egypt. **44** And Pharaoh said unto Joseph: 'I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt.' **45** And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-phera priest of On. And Joseph went out over the land of Egypt.—