

## **Nehushtan**

### **Nicodemus:**

Long ago when Moses walked the land  
He held a scepter in his holy hand

### **Mattathias:**

A thing of power in an hour  
Of the people's need

### **Nicodemus**

Out of Egypt far from Pharaoh's might  
The Hebrews Walked for many days and nights

### **Yitzak, Boaz and Simeon**

They found no water what a bother in the land of Zeen

### **Mattathias:**

They mumbled and they grumbled bout their pain

### **Hebrews and Elders:**

There are no figs, nor pomegranates Or grain  
At least in Egypt we had fleshpots and some fava beans

### **Hebrews:** Ya ya ya ya

### **Bridge (Hebrews and Elders)**

Why bring us out here  
We'd rather die  
Please tell the Lord to listen  
To our cry

### **All**

Lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai

### **Nicodemus:**

The Lord provided water from a Rock

### **Mattathias**

Even though Moses disobeyed and knocked

### **Yitzak, Boaz, and Simeon**

And then he led them around Edom near the Great Red Sea

### **Mattathias:**

The Hebrews were impatient on the way (oy vey!)

### **Hebrews and Elders**

Why have you brought us to this wicked place?

### **Yitzak, Boaz, and Simeon**

So God sent fiery snakes who bit them and then many died

### **Bridge:**

#### **Nicodemus**

Many a Hebrew fell down to Sheol

#### **Mattathias:**

So God told Moses to construct a pole

**Elders:**

And wrap a brazen serpent good and tight  
Then have all look at it who bore the bite

**Chorus**

**Elders:** Nehushtan!

**Hebrews, J and L:** Lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai

**Elders:** Nehushtan

**Hebrews, J and L:** Lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai lai

**Spoken**

**Nicodemus:** Many were cured that day, and Israel found her way to the land of milk and honey

**Mattathias:** A thousand years passed and the scepter became a thing of legend-

**Simeon:** Some believed it was magic.

**Yitzak:** They burned incense to it, and

**Boaz:** it became an idol thought to have ancient powers.

**Nicodemus**

And then one day a mighty king was born,

**Mattathias**

A just man holier than all before

**Boaz, Yietzak, and Simeon**

King Hezekiah was the guy who made things aright

**Bridge: Elders**

He saw idolatry he knew it well

Cut down the Asherah that thing of Hell

**Nicodemus and Mattathias:** And then he entered the high temple and he found the thing.

**Elders**

He lifted up the brazen serpent high

With all his strength he gave a mighty cry

He broke Nehushtan then he prayed aloud to Adonai

**Chorus**