**Matot – Parsha Skit**

Things that should be in the skit

* War is waged on midian
* Reuben and Gad ask for the land near jordan because it is better for their cattle
  + Moses is first angry and then agrees if they first help conquer the land west of the jordan
* Cities of refugees are designated as havens and places of exile for inadvertent murderers

Cast members needed:

Speaking roles:

Israelite 1

Israelite 2

Moses

Reuben

Gad

Non-speaking roles:

Israelites

Midian

Tribes of Reuben and Gad

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| Israelite 1: I heard midian is plotting the destruction of israel |  |  |
| Israelite 2: What are we going to do? |  |  |
| Moses: We are going to war against Midian! |  |  |

\*fight between midian and Israelites \*

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| Reuben: Gad, we need to find land that is better for our cattle |  |  |
| Gad: I think the land east of Jordan is better for cattle |  |  |
| Reuben: Lets ask moses if our tribes can settle there |  |  |

\*Walks to Moses\*

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| Moses: Hello Reuben and Gad |  |  |
| Reuben: Hello moses, we have a request for our tribes |  |  |
| Gad: we would like to settle east of Jordan |  |  |
| Moses: WHAT?!?! |  |  |
| Reuben: it is better land for cattle |  |  |
| Moses: okay. You can settle there if you help the rest of the people of Israel conquer the land west of Jordan |  |  |
| Reuben and Gad: Deal |  |  |

\*the three of the shake hands\*

\*Moses reading a decree\*

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| Moses: I am now announcing the city of refugee |  |  |
| Israelites: what’s that? |  |  |
| Moses: There are going to be places in Israel that are safe havens for inadvertent murderers |  |  |
| Israelites: yay!!!! |  |  |