



Cong. Etz Chaim's
Torah at the Table
Parshat Bo

The Parsha speaks about our obligation to tell over the story of leaving Egypt. We are supposed to remember leaving Egypt every day, but primarily we tell over the story on Pesach at the Seder. The Pesach Seder traditionally is a night where we connect ourselves to the long chain of our people's history.

What are some of your Seder memories as a child? Do you have family traditions you plan on passing on to your children?

The first Mitzva the Jewish people are given, which happens in this weeks Parsha, is sanctifying the new month, Rosh Chodesh. We are told that we have the power and the ability to declare the new month.

Why would this be the first commandment given to a people finishing slavery?

Rashi (12:7) says that the requirement to make matzah quickly in order that it doesn't become chametz is a principle for all commandments: An opportunity to do a mitzvah should be seized quickly.

Have you ever waited too long to perform a Mitzva, and lost the opportunity? Are there opportunities in life that you are currently missing out on?