



## **Parshat Bo**

### **10 Shevat 5784 – January 20, 2024**

Parents have an obligation to teach their children about the miracles of Yetziat Mitzraim (Exodus). This obligation is based on the verse, “and so that you may relate in the ears of your son (children).” Our sages are challenged that Moses’ two sons were not with him in Egypt. Why?

Rav Yehoshua z’l (second Rabbi of Belz) explains that Moses’ sons were not with him because Moses would have to relate the Exodus to them. All those in Egypt witnessed the miracles, plaques, and wonders G-d promulgated. Moses relating the historical, spiritual account to his sons would set the tone for the future.

Passing the Exodus story through the Haggadah to the next generation reinforces faith and builds a Jewish identity. It is a living connection to the challenges, persecutions, and triumphs of those who came before us, which strengthens our resolve to be a free people in a homeland practicing our faith.

The story of Exodus exists in every Jewish generation. It is filled with faith, resilience, and hope. We plan for a future even when “the world” is against us. Why? Because we are part of a long unbroken chain of tradition and transmission that goes back to Exodus!

Good Shabbos!

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