

Retelling the Exodus from Egypt

The Passover Haggadah

Exodus 13:8

וְהַגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר בְּעִבּוֹר זֶה עָשָׂה ה' לִי בְצֵאתִי מֵמִצְרָיִם

And you shall tell your son on that day, saying, "Because of this, the Lord did [this] for me when I went out of Egypt."

Maimonides Positive Commandment # 157

The 157th *mitzvah* is that we are commanded to tell about the Exodus from Egypt on the beginning of the night of the 15th of Nissan — with all the eloquence at our command. Praiseworthy is the person who gives lengthy discussion and description to the subject: how the Egyptians sinned against us, and what they subjected us to; how G-d took revenge upon them; thanking G-d (exalted be He) for all the kindness he has bestowed upon us.

This is as the Sages said, "Everyone who discusses the Exodus from Egypt at length is praiseworthy." The source of this commandment is G-d's statement (exalted be He), "And you shall tell your child [on that day, 'It is because of this that the L-rd did for me when I left Egypt. '"]