

## Reflections

### A Maggid Resource/ Telling the Passover Story

*The pace of our lives can cause us to live a more existence than we might like. (Egypt – Mitzrayim is sometimes defined as “the narrow place.”)*

*The Passover seder is a time to pause and reflect.*

*Please use the following questions to consider a stories and connect the wisdom of our tradition your life.*

1. **Shifra and Puah** were Hebrew midwives. When ordered them to kill the Hebrew male babies delivered, they resisted. “The midwives, fear did not do as the king had told them; they let the boys live” (Exodus 1:17).
  - Why did Shifra and Puah risk their own lives to disobey the law?
  - When is defying authority the right choice?
2. **Yocheved**, the mother of Aaron, Moses and Miriam hid newborn Moses in her home for three months. Fearing for the safety of her family, Yocheved hid Moses in a basket on the river.
  - What were Yocheved’s other options?
  - When making painful decisions, what belief values do you draw on?

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3. **Bat Paroh** was Pharaoh's daughter. Hearing M  
"she said 'This must be a Hebrew child'" (Ex  
Bat Paroh pulled him from the river and rais  
as her own – ignoring the jeers of others.
  - When is disobeying one's parent acceptabl
  - When have you risked alienating friends a  
family to follow your heart?
4. **Moses**, who became one of our greatest lead  
originally does all he can to persuade God to  
someone else, asking "Please Oh Lord, make  
else Your agent" (Exodus 4:13). Finally, Mose  
to stand up to Pharaoh and lead a generatic  
freedom.
  - Are you ever like Moses – nervous about st  
into the unknown?
  - When were you strong enough to push thr  
your resistance and what did you learn?

*May your exodus from narrow places bring you de  
reflection and connection with yourself and your k*

