

PARSHAT KI TEITZEI
DEUTERONOMY 21:10-25:19
HAFTARAH ISAIAH 54:1-10



Rouen Cathedral, West Façade
Oil on canvass by Claude Monet

WHEN YOU GO OUT

1. When you go out (*ki teitzei*)... (Deuteronomy 21:10)

Remember what Amalek did to you on your way of going out from Egypt (*zeitchem mimitzrayim*). (Deuteronomy 25:17)

You shall tell your children: “It is because of what God did for me in my going out from Egypt (*b’zeiti mimitzrayim*.” (Exodus 13:8)

2. Lieu de memoire – an artificial reconstruction where remembrance comes to us from the outside.

Milieux de memoire – a real, living environment of collective consciousness that is in permanent evolution. It is both absolute and spontaneous.
(Pierre Nora)

3. In our Western (Greek) intellectual heritage, “remembering” means “recollecting”: recalling to mind something that is no longer a present reality. Nothing could be further from a Jewish conception. In the Jewish liturgy, “remembering” means participating here and now in certain defining events in the past and also in the future. (Michael Horton. *The Christian Faith*)

In the Bible, a call to remember is a vibrant, powerful, and participatory concept where we recalibrate our lives according to what’s being remembered. (Dustin Crowe)

4. When you go out to paint, try to forget what objects you have before you, a tree, a house, a field or whatever. Merely think here is a little square of blue, here an oblong of pink, here a streak of yellow, and paint it just as it looks to you, the exact color and shape. (Claude Monet)
5. *Yetziat mitzrayim* is the endeavor to rise above all that inhibits the soul, whether imposed by an outside force or by the physical, psychological or spiritual limitations imposed by habit and nature. (Yanki Tauber, based on the teachings of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson)
6. “You shall tell your children...”