

# **Dvar Torah** by **Rabbi Chanoch Yeres**

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## **Shabbat HaGadol**

This coming week, we will all be celebrating the Holiday of Pesach, with G-d's help. We will be sitting around the table beginning the Seder Pesach with family and friends.

The S'fat Emet (Rabbi Yehuda Aryeh Leib Alter - The Admor from Gur 1847-1905) asks why is the ceremony on the first night of Pesach called "The Seder"?

Is it simply, perhaps because the "order" of the evening is detailed before us, so it is called "Seder"?

The S'fat Emet suggests a deeper meaning to the title of the ritual "Seder". The Pesach Seder allows us to analyze the Divine events which took place then, at the Exodus from Egypt, in the correct outlook. Since the Exodus transpired so quickly and all at once, it did not allow ample time to fully appreciate the course of events. The Seder night gives us the opportunity to reconstruct the sequence of events to understand them slowly and thoughtfully in an orderly fashion.

With this, we can discern the true nature of the miracles that took place and the overall Divine intervention. This is the true meaning behind the

need for the "Seder".

There is a hint of "Order" further back in the Torah. In Parshat B'reishit, we read of the Creation. We are taught that not only G-d created the world, but we are given a detailed account of what was created on each of the six days of Creation.

Wouldn't it be enough just to transcribe that G-d created the world without the need for such details?

We are taught, therefore, to emulate G-d, our Creator, and His ways. By its detailed description, we are prescribed to work and create in a patient and methodical fashion and not all at once, just as the Torah described the Six Days of Creation, each day on its own. This is "The Seder", to know that everything has its appropriate order and sequence.

Therefore, on the night of Pesach, we recreate ourselves with our "Seder" as with the original Divine Plan of "Seder" allowing us to reach the level of Adam HaRishon, Original Man before he sinned. Thus, the special uniqueness of our Pesach Seder taking us back to beginning of Creation. 🏠