

Parashat Bo – Cameron Wilson

Shabbat shalom!

This week's torah portion is Bo. In this portion Moses goes to pharaoh and tells him to let the Israelites go. Moses wasn't sure that he could stand up to the pharaoh because he was slow of speech. G-d makes Moses feel better about it by sending his brother Aaron with him. At first even the Israelites would not listen to Moses. But Moses kept going. Moses perseveres until the task is completed. The pharaoh would not let the Israelites go until after many plagues. I can connect this to my own life because at first when I started my bar mitzvah process I had no idea what I was going to do for a mitzvah project. As it got closer and closer to this day I realized I need to find something that would work. I called one organization that never called me back and that got me discouraged: but I kept trying to find a project. Then I heard that my friend was doing a project where he was playing music for people at Hugh's senior center. I thought that this was a good idea since I am very involved in music. Then after we got the idea it took us awhile to find a day when we could do this. Just like Moses and G-d, I had to persevere. When my friend and I went the people loved the music. One lesson we can learn from this portion is that even if things don't come to you at first if you keep at it they will fall into place. I would like to thank Rhonda Holtman and the Cantor for helping me prepare for this day. I would also like to thank my family for bringing me up with good values and making me become the person I am today. Now please turn to page 374 in Etz hayim..... The big red book.