

"On the first day of the second month in the second year of their exodus from the land of Egypt." (1:1)

After the *Bnei Yisroel* received the *Torah*, only then does the *posuk* emphasize the specific time that they accepted it. Why is this? Isn't the *Torah* above and beyond the limitations of time? The physical limitations of time and place do not play any role and place no restrictions on the performance of *Torah* and *mitzvos*. There is however, a lesson regarding our relationship with the *Torah* which is taught here. Although the *Torah* transcends the physical realm of time, it should not be viewed as an abstract entity which has no real application in our day and age. The Jew's spiritual obligation is to utilize the *Torah's* guidelines in his daily lifestyle, thus transforming his lifestyle into one which transcends and surpasses a specific time and place. The emphasis here of time is to teach us that the *Torah* is a continuum through every generation effecting such a metamorphosis that the Jew is able to spiritually surpass the limitations of time and place and observe the *Torah* under all conditions.