

Scriptures and Quotes-Sunday, February 18, 2018-“Last Supper-Eucharist” - Michael Hidalgo - Uptown-Wash Park

Exodus 12.14-16

... there is no word for history in the Hebrew language. The absence of a word as central to any nation as “history” is striking. It’s probably because there’s no such thing as “history” in Judaism. Zikron features prominently in biblical language and thought. It goes far beyond semantics, cutting straight to the core of Judaism’s perception of the past ... Memory is a part of me, and history, apart from me. Without me there is no memory. Put differently: History is made up of objective facts, and memory of subjective experience. As you might have guessed, Judaism is less interested in dry facts than in breathing experiences. It is for this reason that much of Jewish tradition and ritual draws on reenactment. We don’t just commemorate, we remember.

We don’t just recount someone else’s story, we relive our own. - Rabbi Mendel Kalmenson, “History or Memory?” Misleading headlines notwithstanding, no one really has the slightest idea how the brain changes after we have learned to sing a song or recite a poem. But neither the song nor the poem has been “stored” in it. The brain has simply changed in an orderly way that now allows us to sing the song or recite the poem under certain conditions.

- Robert Epstein, “The Empty Brain” Luke 22.7-20 Page 735 John 13.1-5 Page 751 John, in placing the washing of the feet where the other Evangelists put the words of institution is reminding us that washing each other’s feet, service to each other and humility before each other, is what the Eucharist is ultimately about The Eucharist is not a private act of devotion meant to square our debts with God, but a call to, and a grace for, service. The Eucharist is meant to send us out into the world ready to give expression to Christ’s hospitality, humility and self-effacement. - Ronald Rolheiser, Our One Great Act of Fidelity, p 41, 42, 66