

Haggadot to Pique Your Interest and Enhance Your Seder: A Curated list

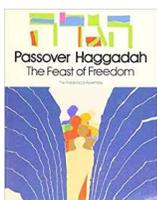
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Many of us grew up with the old Maxwell House Haggadah picked up by Mom or Grandma at the grocery store for free every year. But most of us know that we've come a long way from that and bookstores, Judaica shops (including our own at NSS Beth El) and Amazon.com are brimming with so many choices for Haggadot it could make your head explode!

Haggadot.com provides you the materials, resources and pages—and many free graphics—to create your own Hagaddah. You can start with a basic traditional or bare-bones hagaddah and build it out section by section. Want to enliven your seder's take on Marror? Dayenu? On the telling of the “four sons” (or “four children”)? Click that section, read, choose and add to your hagaddah. The site also has pre-done hagaddot for many different tastes and age groupings. When its all compiled you can save your hagaddah and even print it out in full color for you and your guests. Even if you don't end up making a hagaddah to use, the site is so full of resources for enhancing your seder, it's worth a visit (and it's free!)



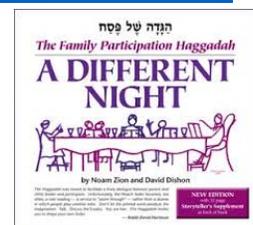
Want a published hagaddah? Here are but a few: some classics, some brand new, some unique. Some intended for the leader, packed with resources; others inexpensive enough to buy one for each of your guests:



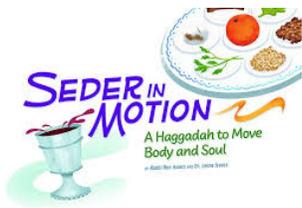
***Passover Haggadah: The Feast of Freedom*, edited by Rachel Anne Rabinowicz (Rabbinical**

Assembly)—Published by Conservative movement, *Feast of Freedom* is a good traditional choice for your family seder. Beautifully illustrated with good explanations and insights on each step in a straightforward way, this year, *Feast of Freedom*, along with a pandemic-focused supplement is [available for download](#) to members of the NSS Beth El Community.

More than a Haggadah—a real gold mine of ideas: [A Different Night, The Family Participation Haggadah](#) by Noam Sachs Zion and David Dishon - First published in the late '90s, it's a classic, transformative Haggadah. I recommend buying the full (purple lettered cover) version, which has options, both traditional and creative, for kids and adults, straightforward and (Pesadich) food for serious thought and discussion. Go through it a few days (or more) before the seder and choose what speaks to you and your guests. You can buy a leader's guide to *A Different Night* which will help navigate the main edition. There is participants' edition as well.

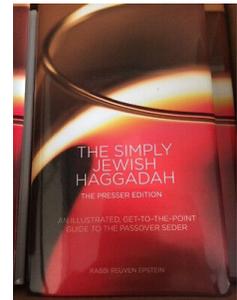


Hot off the Presses: [***Seder in Motion: A Haggadah to Move Body and Soul* by Rabbi Ron and Leora Isaacs \(Behrman House\)**](#) - If you want to add movement and mindfulness to your



traditional seder (and traditional text), you might want to check it out. “This family-friendly yet still traditional Haggadah shows participants of all ages how to engage all five senses in the Seder experience and weaves activities into the Seder to promote a full-body connection to the Passover story and rituals. For example, the order of the seder is accompanied by hand motions, such as raising an imaginary cup of wine, rubbing hands together as if washing, fanning hands in front of your face as if cooling from eating bitter herbs.” Includes mindfulness exercises, transliteration, and line art to demonstrate motions.

[***The Simply Jewish Haggadah* by Reuven Epstein \(Artscroll\)**](#) - “The Simply Jewish Haggadah, a beautiful, color Haggadah, is your guide to the Passover Seder, and it will help you and your family have a more meaningful Seder. But The Simply Jewish Haggadah is so much more than just a Haggadah! Other chapters will help you prepare for the Seder; suggest how to lead a meaningful Seder; tell inspiring Passover-related stories (including three from Yaffa Eliach's classic, Hasidic



Tales from the Holocaust), provide an in-depth look at the Ten Plagues and the Exodus; and includes recipes from the award-winning author Jamie Geller.”

Unique Haggadah from the Israel Museum: [***The Haggadah of Passover with Pop-Up Spreads***](#) (**Hardcover with Slipcase**) - Imagine a Haggadah with pop up

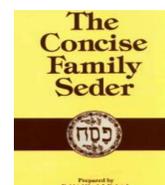


spreads that literally bring you into the story of our freedom! “This Haggadah is inspired by the original Bird's Head Haggadah which was published in Germany and is one of the oldest Haggadot dating back to the end of the 13th century. The Haggadah is richly illustrated by movable pop-ups depicting major scenes such as The Crossing of the Red Sea, The Baking of Matzot, and The Ten Plagues etc. The original resides in the Israel Museum, Jerusalem.

The figures are drawn with birds' heads and prominent beaks.”

The following are currently available in the Sisterhood Gift Shop for your convenience. Those hagaddot listed above may be added to the Gift Shop inventory over the next weeks. Please check there first.

***The Concise Family Seder* - Rabbi Alfred J Kolatch** -This best-selling condensed version of The



Family Seder contains all major elements of the Passover Seder service. It has found great favor with those whose Passover celebration previously consisted of little more than a meal.

Passover Haggadah/ New Edition - Rabbi Nathan Goldberg (Ktav)—A classic, traditional Haggadah.



New American Haggadah - edited by Jonathan Safran Foer; Translated by Nathan Englander - A new way of experiencing and understanding one of our oldest, most timeless, and sacred stories, with a new translation of the traditional text by Nathan Englander and provocative commentary by major Jewish writers and thinkers Jeffrey Goldberg, Lemony Snicket, Rebecca Newberger Goldstein, and Nathaniel Deutsch. Designed and illustrated by the acclaimed Israeli artist and calligrapher Oded Ezer, *New American Haggadah* is an utterly unique and absorbing prayer book, the first of its kind, that brings together some of the preeminent voices of our time.

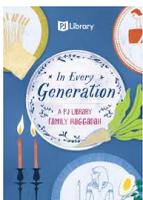


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Family Haggadah - A Seder for all generations - Eli M Gindi; Commentary by R Lee T Bycel-- With its easy-to-follow format and glorious full-color illustrations, this is the ideal choice for a home seder attended by lots of children or a congregational model seder. In just 40 pages, Family Haggadah presents all the key elements of the seder in a child-friendly way that will charm everyone at the table. Special features include: vibrant images of ancient and contemporary artifacts and illuminated Haggadot, photographs of modern children celebrating Passover, and sidebars that provide enlightening commentary and thoughtful discussion questions, new traditions and innovations, including Miriam's Cup. Suggested techniques for involving young children in the service.



In Every Generation; A PJ Library Family Haggadah - This beautifully illustrated guide to the seder (Passover ritual meal) will make your Passover experience more family friendly, as a guest or a host. Covering all the highlights of a traditional seder while creating new ways to engage children and adults alike in retelling the Passover story, this Haggadah is sure to be a favorite for many years to come.



The Gray Cultural & Learning Center has an extensive collection of *haggadot* from all over the world and across the streams of Judaism. If you are interested in browsing our shelves and/or borrowing something, contact Rachel Kamin at rkamin@nssbethel.org. You can also search our library catalog at <https://nssbe-hl.mimas.opalsinfo.net/bin/home>. We can leave library items for you to pick up at Beth El or we can deliver them to you.