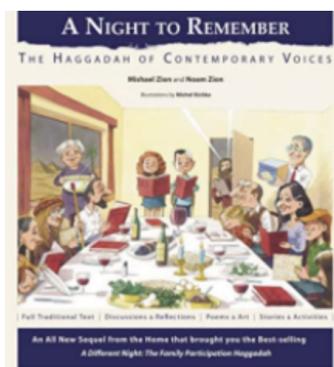


HMI's Top 14 Favorite *Haggadot*



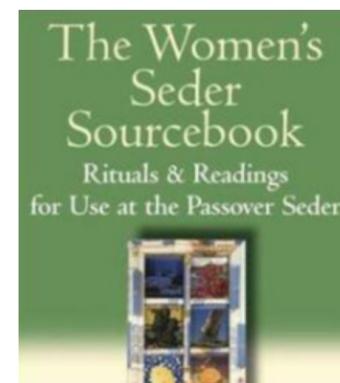
A *haggadah* is a book of choreography filled with all the stage directions you need in order to host or attend a Passover seder (ritual Passover meal). The word "haggadah" in Hebrew means "the telling" which is an appropriate name for a book that tells the Passover story.

While virtually every haggadah follows the same order, there are many ways to tell the same story and just as many points of view. That is why there are literally hundreds of different *hagaddot* (plural for haggadah). It can be overwhelming, but it also means you can find one that suits you. **Below is a carefully-curated list of haggadot from some of our favorite HMI rabbis/educators.** Whether you are looking for something simple, entertaining, good for kids, or justice-focused, there's something for everyone! All *haggadot* include links so downloading and ordering copies is a cinch!



Rabbi Avram Mlotek, NYC, JCC Manhattan & Base
Rabbi Aaron Miller, DC, Washington Hebrew Congregation
[LINK: A Night To Remember](#)

"This Haggadah is great because it is so versatile. It is equal parts fun, spiritually resonant, and contemporary. Regardless of your Jewish background or maturity level (which is bound to go down as the four cups are poured), this Haggadah speaks to a wide range of people. Plus, kids love the pictures."



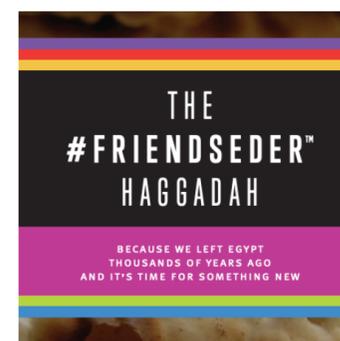
Rabbi David Russo, Chicago, Anshe Emet Synagogue
[LINK: The Women's Seder Sourcebook](#)

"It has inspiring pieces from outstanding women. There is great material here, and is especially appropriate for people who want to look at the Haggadah with a feminist lens."



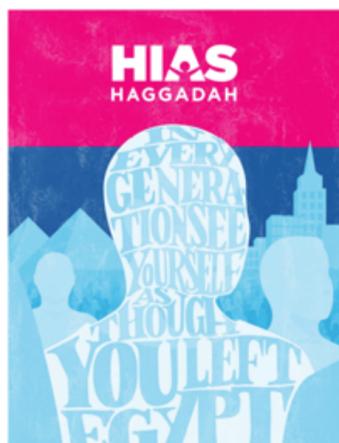
Rabbi Adam Greenwald, Los Angeles, American Jewish University
[LINK: Haggadot.com](#)

"The Haggadah that is going to make your Passover Seder truly one of a kind is the one you make yourself. Haggadot.com makes it easy for anyone to create their own infinitely customizable guide for the Seder table."



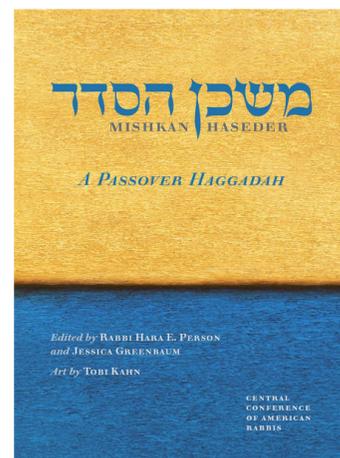
Rabbi Jeff Stombaugh, Detroit, The Well
[LINK: #Friendseder](#)

"This haggadah is meant to be shared with groups of friends, perfect for HMI! It's simplified and distilled down while inviting some thought provoking questions for people to wade into their seder experience."



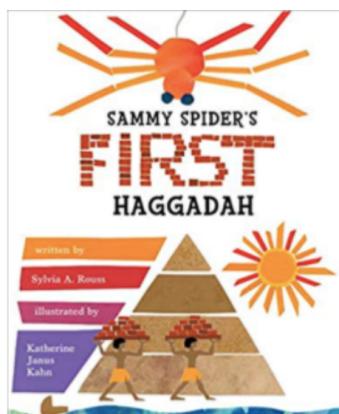
Rabbi Sarah Bassin, LA, Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills
[LINK: Hias Haggadah Supplement](#)

"I love the HIAS insert that links the ancient Jewish narrative of the Exodus to the experience of modern day immigrants and refugees. It's a lovely 10 page supplement that you can have on hand with any haggadah that you may already have. It's a great way to bring the ancient story to life by reminding us that for many, exodus is not an ancient concept but a lived reality."



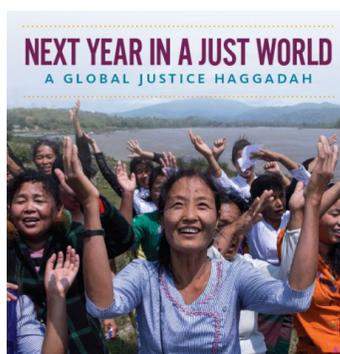
Rabbi Jen Gubitz, Boston, Temple Israel
[LINK: Mishkan HaSeder: A Passover Haggadah](#)

This is a brand new haggadah for adults! Combining age-old texts, fresh insights, inspiring poetry, new translations, and breathtaking art, Mishkan HaSeder sets a new standard in Passover Haggadot. It has beautiful poetry, meaningful commentary and is very accessible.



Rabbi Reni Dickman, Chicago, Jewish United Fund
[LINK: Sammy Spider's First Haggadah](#)

"Sammy leads young children through the steps of the Passover seder, telling the story of the Exodus, asking and answering the Four Questions, and sampling the traditional foods. Includes creative readings and songs, as well as colorful paper collage art."



Rabbi Todd Zinn, Chicago, Chicago Sinai Congregation
[LINK: Next Year in a Just World](#)

"It contains great additional readings and ideas to spark dialogue about social justice. Perfect for folks who want to focus on issues of power, privilege, oppression, and justice!"



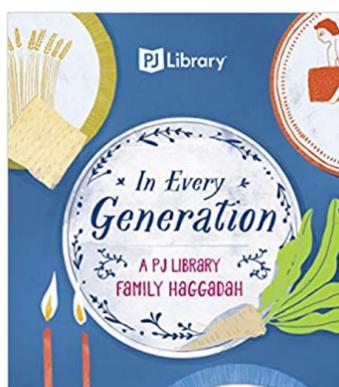
Rabbi George Wielechowski, San Diego, Open Dor Project
Rabbi Laura Rumpf, SF Bay Area, Peninsula Temple Beth El
[LINK: JewBelong](#)

"It's a great, quick Haggadah with a strong sense of character/humor, clean design, poignant readings, and even a skit for kids (or adults who are into skits). Really fun and down to earth!"



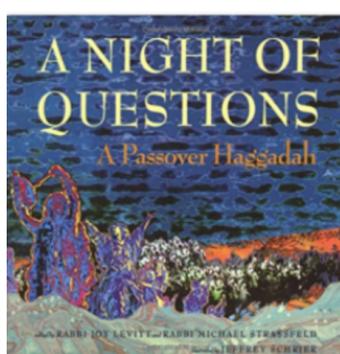
Betsy Epel, Denver, Rocky Mountain Rabbis & Cantors/Board of Peers
[LINK: New American Haggadah, edited by Jonathan Safran Foer](#)

"A masterpiece of translation and design by two great American fiction writers. I love the readings in this- especially the commentaries. (If this is your first seder -I don't suggest this one as it's not as accessible.)"



Rabbi Shena Jaffe, Cincinnati
[LINK: In Every Generation: A PJ Library Family Haggadah](#)

"This of course is great for families with young kids. It is very user-friendly, color-coded to get in all the basics quickly, and can be completed in about 20 minutes. At the same time, it is not so pediatric that it is not appealing to people of all ages"



Rabbi Eliana Fischel, DC, Washington Hebrew Congregation
[LINK: A Night of Questions: A Passover Haggadah](#)

"I love this haggadah because it relates each part of the seder to our own personal and intentional growth. It's good for all ages. While it mainly relates to adults, it also poses questions that are great for children to ask and answer."



Rabbi Matt Shapiro, LA, Temple Beth Am
[LINK: The Passover Haggadah Graphic Novel](#)

Created by Jordan Gorfinkel, a comic book artist, this work brilliantly blends the traditional text of the seder along with detailed, creative, and thought-provoking art in the style of, you guessed it, a graphic novel.



Deanna Neil, LA, Innovative Judaism
[LINK: Seder Song Book](#)

For those who love musicals and singing, skip the traditional Haggadah altogether and just cruise through these amazing songs. My family does them at the end of our seder and they're a real crowd pleaser – even on rotation on zoom.

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