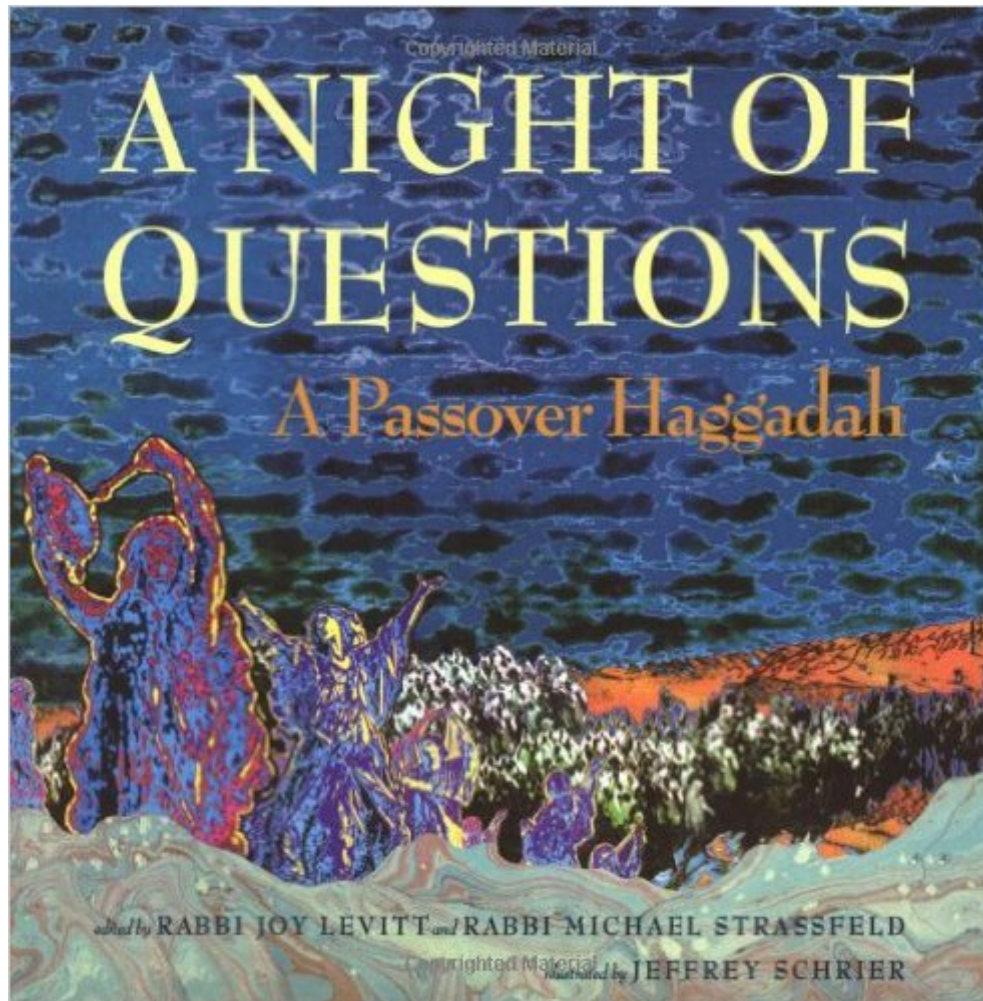


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A Night Of Questions: A Passover Haggadah



Synopsis

A Night of Questions is a unique four-in-one Haggadah that includes outlines for customizing a Seder for the people present at the table. The four menus include a Seder for young children, a Seder for older children with adults, a Seder for groups of diverse backgrounds (including those who are not Jewish), and a Seder focusing on the role of women. The Haggadah also features special color-coded graphic icons that highlight the different types of readings such as kavanot, which are introductions to the text that set the tone for the text, and readings for children. Readings and songs are drawn from a wide variety of sources, representing the diversity of the Jewish community and the world in which we live. Accompanying the text is compelling new artwork by Jeffrey Schrier, which itself serves as a commentary on the Haggadah liturgy. This 10th Anniversary Hardcover edition is a great gift for a special seder. Give this as a gift to a host or a long-time congregational supporter, or just a friend who wants a beautiful and durable copy of this Passover classic. 'This publication of the 10th anniversary edition is a celebration of the impact of A Night of Questions and a tribute to its continuing and special role in enabling Jews to gather to enact an ancient ritual and create new Jewish meaning' - Carl Sheingold, EVP of the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation.

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Rabbis Joy Levitt and Michael Strassfeld have spent several years updating the Haggadah of the Reconstructionist movement, which was last revised in 1941. This Haggadah, which sold out of its first printing of 15,000 copies, in just a few weeks, offers more of a narrative story for the Passover seder (more of a story than the rabbinical commentary format that is found in more traditional

haggadot). It also offers the family gender neutral language, does not refer to the Hebrews as a "chosen people", has the story of the four children instead of the four sons, and includes new traditions, such as "Miriam's cup."

I have conducted sedorim (seders) for over 30 years and have used five different haggadot. This is the BEST! It explains, offers excellent commentary, provides choices in the kind of seder one might have, as well as providing frameworks for designing your own. I have used it for 2 years now and get rave reviews from the people who attend my sedorim. The cd of the music of Pesach which is available, is a favorite as we prepare our home for the holiday. It sure beats "Manishevitz".

I was as intrigued and inspired by this Haggadah as any reviewer. I was taken aback and jolted out of my spiritual reverie when during the seder we read a passage that lamented Pharaoh not responding to the Jewish 'intifada'. So, the authors compared the defiance of 450 years of Jewish slavery to the Palestinian uprising of our time. In using the word, 'Intifada' the authors had to intend for the audience to draw parallels between both uprisings, thus making a bold political statement that alienated myself and others at the table. I wouldn't recommend this Hagaddah unless one has strong leftist tendencies vis a vis Israeli politics and can stomach that kind of comparison being made during one's Passover seder.

Seders too often fall into a routine, with everyone slogging through the Hagaddah by rote. This is a lively, thought-provoking Hagaddah that will broaden and deepen your appreciation of Passover. It certainly has for my family.

A Night of Questions provides a multitude of choices for creating a seder that will be thoroughly enjoyable for your family and friends. You can use one of the four suggested seder outlines ("traditional"; one for groups with small children; another for groups that include guests from different traditions; and one that focuses on the role of women) or adapt the readings to your own needs, as I did two years ago. It was the best seder I've ever been part of! Hebrew songs are transliterated so everyone can join in. The amazing color illustrations are a visual delight.

I find this new Haggadah just magnificent. The art is really amazing, the language and advice and commentary is just what I would have written (if I had the time, learning, seichel, etc.) I am really happy with it. It's brilliant.

this haggada should add a twist to your passover seder + it makes a great read on its own... the writing is poetic, clever, and insightful. both levitt and strassfeld lend the age-old tale a colorful (yes, the illustrations are great!) and refreshing approach. you can use this as a guide or as a supplement to the rituals already in place + it makes a great gift to a visitor at your seder table.

I have somewhere between 20 and 30 different Haggadot. A Night of Questions is not only one of the richest and most thought-provoking in my collection... it is also the most user-friendly. It's the only one that has a table of contents that breaks down the Maggid section into its familiar parts (4 Children, Dayenu, etc.) The outlines of 4 different types of seders in the back of the book are very helpful. There's something here for every one. The commentaries address the hard questions that are likely to arise in the minds of those who are really thinking about what we are saying, such as: "Would it really have been 'enough for us' had we come out of Egypt and not been given the Torah and not come into the Land of Israel?" IMPORTANT NOTE: I see that is showing this as 4-6 weeks delivery. I know that they are available from the publisher and you'll have them in time for Passover. Check out [...]"

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