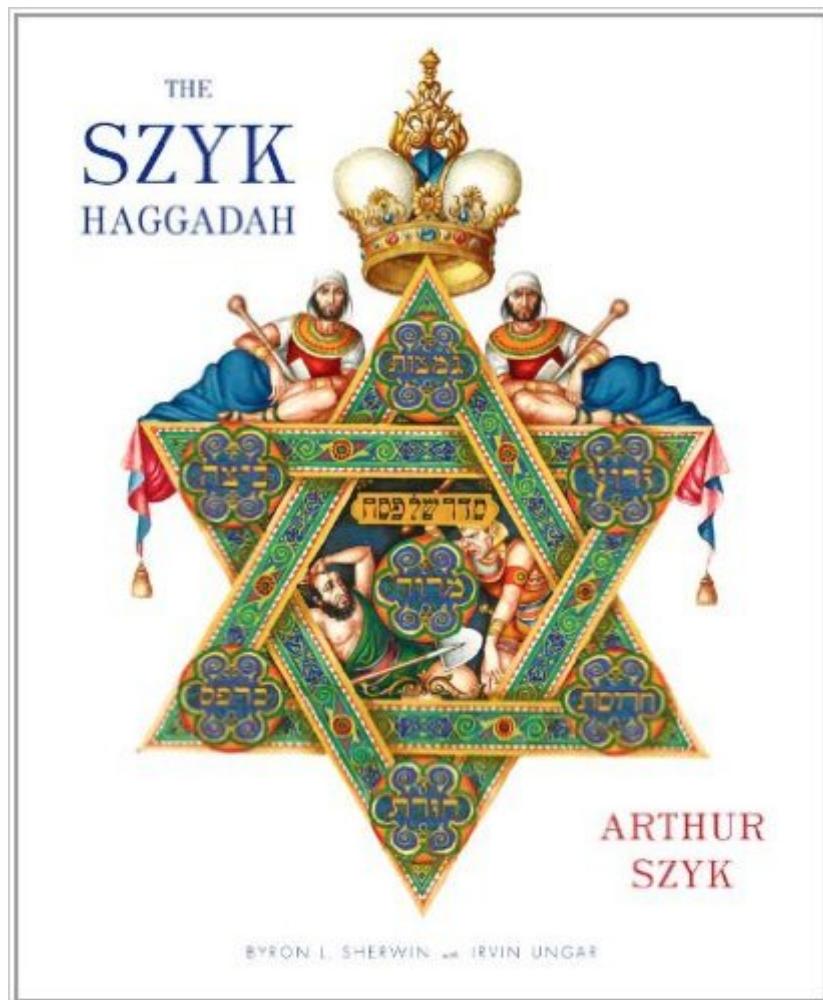


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Customer Reviews

I've had copies of the Szyk Haggadah over the years, which I have shown to family and friends as a special treasure. Now it is reprinted beautifully, with additional thoughtful materials, and at a reasonable price. I've bought 20 copies as gifts and to use for Passover Seder.

This is an amazing piece of history as well as great art, in the form of the Hagaddah. Written at a time when German Jews were facing more and more persecution, this Hagaddah, while traditional in its text, strays in its illustration from the customary focus on the suffering of Jews to Biblical scenes of strength and resistance. Arthur Szyk was helping to form a new conceptualization of Jews

as actors in their own destiny. The art is astounding and the calligraphy (Hebrew) gorgeous. Penned and inked in the style of Medieval illuminated manuscripts, it really stands out. A+!

This is a magnificent book - the color plates were wonderful and the book was a good deal -- BUT the binding on the book was not great!! This is a book that will be used over and over again, so I am concerned that the binding may not hold together, and pages may fall out. So, overall, a mixed bag!

Szyk Haggadah is a real keeper. I love the extreme detailed illustrations and Irv Unger's writing. So many new insights on this most important holiday.

Absolutely gorgeous illustrations. If you are not familiar with the Passover liturgy and are casually considering the purchase of a Haggadah, please let me encourage you to make the purchase. The parable of the Four Sons should truly be read and known by everyone who teaches in any capacity. It will powerfully illuminate how you serve those you answer.

The Szyk haggadah as re-published last year is unique for creating a unique Passover seder experience. It merges the past with the present. The images Szyk created are so vividly brought forth in this new edition. It combines his images with the modern language and Byron Sherwin's informative comments in the back section. These combine for a special and memorable, educational and unique Passover experience for young and old alike. There is nothing like as there was nothing like it when it was originally published in 1940. Enjoy and have a Zeissan Pesach!!

Despite the fact that I don't read Hebrew or Polish, I purchased this book because of the beautiful detailed illustrations. I know the story of Pesach and I love this version of the Haggadah. My fascination with all things Jewish has once again led me to a work of art that brings me great joy and even greater empathy.

I first encountered the Szyk haggadah at a friend's seder three years ago and fell in love with it. I scoured the used-book sites to find a reasonably priced copy, but that one is too precious to use at the table. This reprint is exciting because it makes this stunning work of art usable, which a haggadah should be.

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