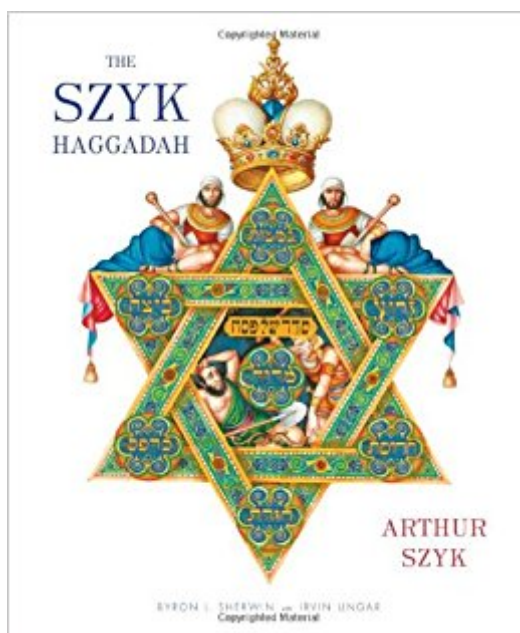


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# The Szyk Haggadah: Freedom Illuminated



## Synopsis

Arthur Szyk (pronounced "Shick") created his magnificent Haggadah in Lodz, on the eve of the Nazi occupation of his native Poland. There is no Haggadah like it, before or since, filled with sumptuous paintings of Jewish heroes and stunning calligraphy. This edition, the first since 1940 to be reproduced from Szyk's original art, boasts a newly commissioned and extremely practical English text by Rabbi Byron L. Sherwin, ideal for use at any family Seder, and a special commentary section by Rabbi Sherwin and Irvin Ungar gives insight into both the rituals of the Seder and Szyk's rich illustrations. Available in both hardcover and paperback editions, The Szyk Haggadah will transform the Seder, bringing the story of the Exodus from Egypt into a more contemporary light. Praise for The Szyk Haggadah: "Szyk's Haggadah is still fabulous and fresh." -Hadassah Magazine

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## Customer Reviews

Arthur Szyk (1884-1951) was known primarily as a political illustrator of the highest caliber. Eleanor Roosevelt once referred to him as a "one-man army" and indeed, he saw himself as a "soldier in art." Byron L. Sherwin, a Jewish scholar and ethicist, has served on the faculty of the Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies since 1970. He lives in Chicago. Irvin Ungar, an antiquarian bookseller and former rabbi, has championed the rediscovery of Szyk's work. He lives in Burlingame, California.

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 is extraordinarily beautiful and easy to use. If you are looking to elevate your Seder experience and bring more meaning to this important evening with family and friends, there is no better choice than the Szyk Haggadah. Written before WWII, the Szyk Haggadah was created to inspire and to motivate. The insightful End Notes will let you make your Seder more meaningful and thought-provoking. I find something new to talk about every year in this wonderful book. The trade edition is reasonably-priced, perfect for your holiday gathering.

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+!

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.

I'm fortunate enough to own the 40s hardback edition of this, but now it's way expensive! I bought this for a friend for first night Seder and he LOVES IT!! Just as I do. Arthur Szyk's illustration and calligraphy are jaw-droppingly beautiful and detailed. I'd recommend the book whether you're Jewish or not, just from the beauty of it.

Absolutely gorgeous. But....too many negatives for us. It's physically intimidating based on sheer size. The font of the Hebrew makes it harder to read for many participants. It feels more like a display book rather than a haggadah...with a hard cover this could absolutely be a coffee table book. .

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!!

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!

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