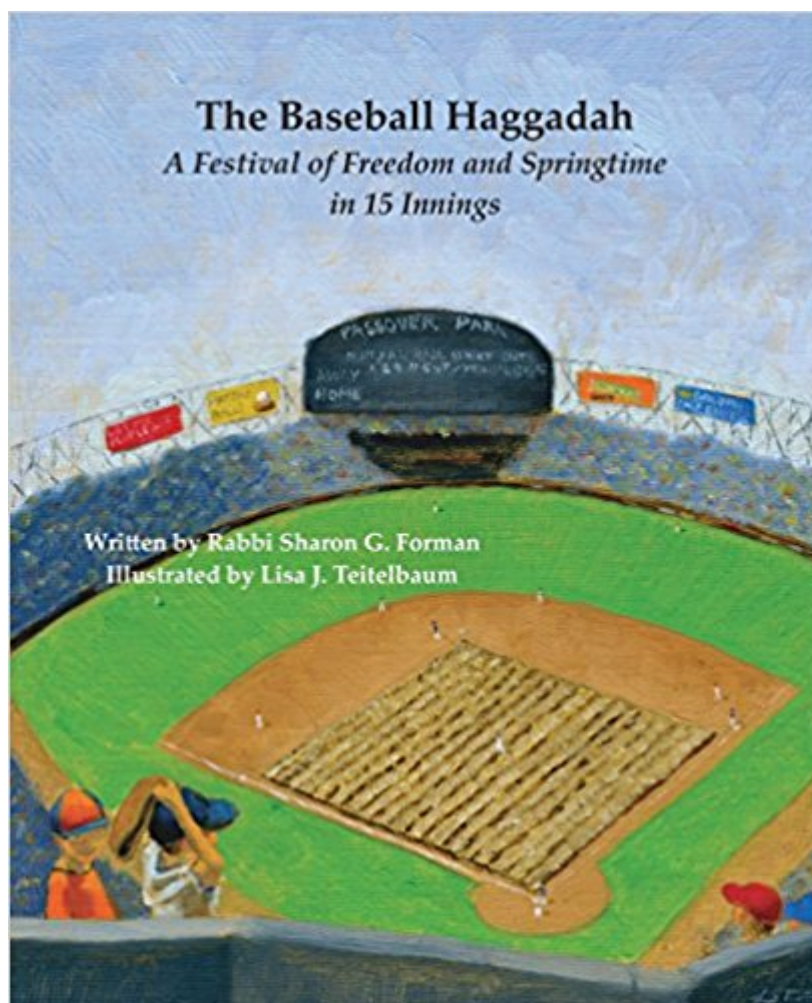


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The Baseball Haggadah: A Festival Of Freedom And Springtime In 15 Innings



Synopsis

Why is this night different from all other nights of the year; and what does the game of baseball have to do with the Festival of Passover and the seder? Incorporating images and language from another springtime ritual, this baseball themed Passover Haggadah retells the story of the Israelites' Exodus from slavery in Egypt with faithfulness to the contours of a traditional seder. By holding up the Exodus next to the concept of a beloved national pastime, connections are made that cast light on the Passover story in new and unexpected patterns. This enchanting Haggadah with its vivid illustrations will capture the imagination of seder participants of all ages (from little leaguers to adults). By infusing an old ritual with thought provoking readings and new insights, this Haggadah may stand alone as the sole text at a religious school model seder or can be used as a supplementary Haggadah in traditional or liberal homes. Values taught at the seder, such as love of freedom, kindness to strangers, and concern for others, are celebrated in this user friendly text with particular sensitivity to gender equality and transliteration for non-Hebrew readers. With Moses as the team captain for the Israelites and Pharaoh heading up the Taskmasters, the lineups struggle for dominance. God throws the ultimate "splitter," making way for the Israelites to cross the Sea of Reeds. Each participant takes a turn up at bat as a reader. There is a 7th Inning Stretch, during which the children can go to the door to search for and welcome the presence of Elijah. Ultimately, there is praise and joy and celebration. Freedom has been won. The Israelites, have made it safely home, and springtime is renewed on a field of green.

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Even if it is a bad idea to replace what is supposed to be an important day for remembering the

suffering of ancestors. A good book for people who don't really put much attention on the holiday and want to have fun instead.

Really creative and thoughtful. I used much of it for our Passover seder and the guests really enjoyed the readings. We especially like the plague baseball equivalents.

This is not your traditional haggadah by any means. Even following the baseball theme, it skips large parts of the service. So for families, like ours, who conduct a traditional Seder, this cannot replace a regular haggadah. But I added bits and pieces from the Baseball Haggadah to our seder, and it elicited smiles all around. I especially liked her interpretation of the Four Children. This is great fun and a welcome addition to anyone's haggadah collection.

Fun version of the Haggadah. Look forward to using it with all the baseball fans at the next seder. It should keep the baseball fans of all ages engaged much longer.

funny -- now how about one for football (American football, that is)

Clever! Can supplement a seder or be used as your primary hagaddah. Baseball fans will love it.

I have three boys who love baseball and this will be a perfect addition to our Passover table.

This was perfect for our family of (adult) baseball lovers. It could only be better for baseball lovers who still have younger fans at home.

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