

Go Forth and Learn – A Passover Haggadah,
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The Passover Haggadah, the liturgy for the most loved night of the Jewish year, Seder night, is a text that has been published and reprinted countless times since printing began, and pre-printing examples of which include some of the most stunning medieval works of artistry and calligraphy in Jewish literature.

Following the excellent commentary volume on the Haggadah published by JPS in 2008 and written by Dr Joseph Tabory, the publishers have turned to Rabbi David Silber, of the Derisha Institute in New York, for its latest publication of this enduring text.

Go Forth and Learn may be read in two ways; from right to left it contains the text of the traditional haggadah with an informative and interesting commentary, and from left to right it has eight essays, considering different aspects of the haggadah and its principal themes.

This would make an excellent text for pre-Pesach study groups, or for interfaith teaching about Passover; and for all those rabbis who think there cannot possibly be anything else to extract from the haggadah that they haven't already found a cornucopia of ideas and material!

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