



## PORTION FROM THE PORTION

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# Our Very Own Haggada

I love pop-up books! To turn the page and see objects jump up at you and come to life. It's like magic! My friend Leora just bought me a beautiful pop-up book, "America the Beautiful", by the famous paper engineer, Robert Sabuda. One of the pop-ups is of the Statue of Liberty standing tall, welcoming those searching for freedom.

For years I worked as a Gerontologist at Melabev with people with dementia. During Corona I took a class on innovation. The teacher, Adam Bismut, H"yd gave us an exercise that returned me to many things I always liked but neglected such as art, and engineering. I decided to combine these and make a pop-up Haggada, since I also love the Haggada. After three years of working with my daughter we have just come out with a DIY pop-up Haggada kit, dedicated to the memory of my teacher Adam Bismut hy"d, who was killed in Aza

(haggada.zaza@gmail.com). It's three things in one: a step-by-step activity before Pesach to learn how to make a pop-up book, a fun way to learn the Haggada, and a Haggada to actually use at the seder proudly and excitedly.

The other day we led a workshop in a bomb shelter for 25 kids to make the Haggada. I started the workshop by showing them the "America the Beautiful" pop-up book, so they could get that "wow" experience of the pop-ups coming to life. I said "This is a pop-up about the U.S., but we will be making a pop-up about us, the people of Israel. The Haggada is our book of freedom, about the Jewish people's history, starting with Abraham and continuing through you to all future generations."

We sit together in our homes, around the family table, and follow the order of the "seder". As Rabbi Sacks wrote in his Haggada "The seder night reflects the order that binds us to other Jews throughout the world and in previous generations. At the same time, the seder leaves room for spontaneity. No two seder nights are the same. Ideally, each family, each year, adds new insights as we reflect on our birth as a people and relate it to the present."

This year the present seems like we are really a scene out of the Haggada "Bchol dor vador omdim aleinu lchaloteinu- in every

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single generation people rise up to destroy us. “ On one hand it is scary, with so many rockets being shot at us, but on the other hand we can’t help but see and feel all the miracles around us. We have so much to be thankful for “ Hakadosh Baruch hu mazele-nu myadam - The Holy One, Blessed be He, saves us from their hands.

And I believe, that just like the magic of pop-ups, that one second is just lying flat, and in a split second, when the page is turned, they come to life, God can turn things around and redeem us in a split second. Let’s all be ready.

Besides loving pop-ups, and Passover, and haggadot – my favorite food is matza balls. Here is the recipe I use almost every week. If you wake me up in the middle of the night – like Iran has been doing lately – I would be able to tell you the recipe. And to quote my mother-in-law, to Paroah we said “ Let my people go” to Iran we must say “ Let my people sleep”. Chag Sameach Vkasher .



### MATZA BALLS

- 1 cup matza meal
- 1/2 c oil
- 1 tsp salt
- 3 eggs

Mix together ingredients. Chill the batter. Drop the balls into boiling water. Serve with your soup. ■

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