

Michtav Bracha

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The mitzva of Sipur Yetzias Mitzraim, the annual obligation of a parent to recount the story of the exodus to his children, is one of the most beloved rituals in Judaism. The Pesach Haggada is the repository of our history, our mission, and our hope which we communicate faithfully to the next generation. There are literally thousands of commentaries on the Haggada and every single year, scores of new commentaries are published. It would be difficult to imagine that, at this late date, something new and different could be produced. And yet Rabbi Moshe Hubner has managed to do so.

He has prepared a Haggada containing the Torah insights of Gedolim who passed away without children. This is a lovely and moving tribute to the great spiritual leaders of our past who did not have the chance of fulfilling this mitzva in its literal sense. Nevertheless, by our studying their words, we become their children and, in small part, repay them for all they have given to us. This very concept exemplifies *chessed shel emes* and *hakaras hatov*. The Torah insights are of course valuable and fascinating and R. Hubner has combined them with biographies, stories, and pictures.

This is a beautiful Haggada and we owe a debt of gratitude to Rabbi Hubner for his labor of love in putting it all together. May it bring merit to the gedolim and tzadikkim whose works are cited and may the Divrei Torah and events of their lives inspire all of us to grow in our Avodas Hashem which, at the end of the day, is what Yetzias Mitzraim is all about.

With Admiration and Gratitude,

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