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Don't serve everyone chicken fingers

וְהִגַּדְתָּ לְבִנְךָ בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר בְּעֲבוּר זֶה
עָשָׂה יְהוָה לִי בְצֵאתִי מִמִּצְרַיִם

And you shall **explain to your child** on that day, “It is because of
what God did **for me when I** went free from Egypt.” (Exodus 13:8)

#1

Invite everyone to prepare something

“We’re approaching seder a little differently this year. Rather than just reading through the haggadah as we usually do, we’d love for everyone to share for 2-5 minutes on an aspect of the seder. The prompt is *‘why is this element included in the seder, and how am I relating to it this year?’* Approach it from any angle you like—historical, religious, humanist, cultural, spiritual, psychological, experiential, or whatever feels right to you. This is a chance to learn not just about the holiday but also about each other.”

Subj: **We look forward to celebrating together!**
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Friends, family and almost family,

To be is to stand for.

- Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

It comes down to that. Not only are our lives given shape and meaning by the things for which we stand, rather, the very task of being human is about standing for. That is how our humanity is determined. That is how we become truly human. By standing for. That is the purest definition of commitment I know.

Each year, to enhance our seder celebration, we offer a theme, a lens by which to think about the lessons in the Haggadah. Inspired by Lena and Ari's engagement, we have chosen **commitment** as our theme.

Commitment shows up in several places in the Haggadah – in the people's choice to leave Egypt, committing themselves through the slaughter of a lamb and marking their doorposts with its blood, in our own commitment to teach this story year after year, in our people's on-going faith in the coming of the Messianic Age, still opening the door for Elijah, the herald of that hoped for time in which we will finally live in peace with one another.

We ask each person/family to prepare a story, poem, short play, film, game, COSTUME, or simple teaching on the meaning and message of commitment as it plays out in the Haggadah or in your lives. We are here to brainstorm with you if you need our help.

Loving you all!
Terry and Karen

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To all 5760 + der participants at the Sobel Bookman home:

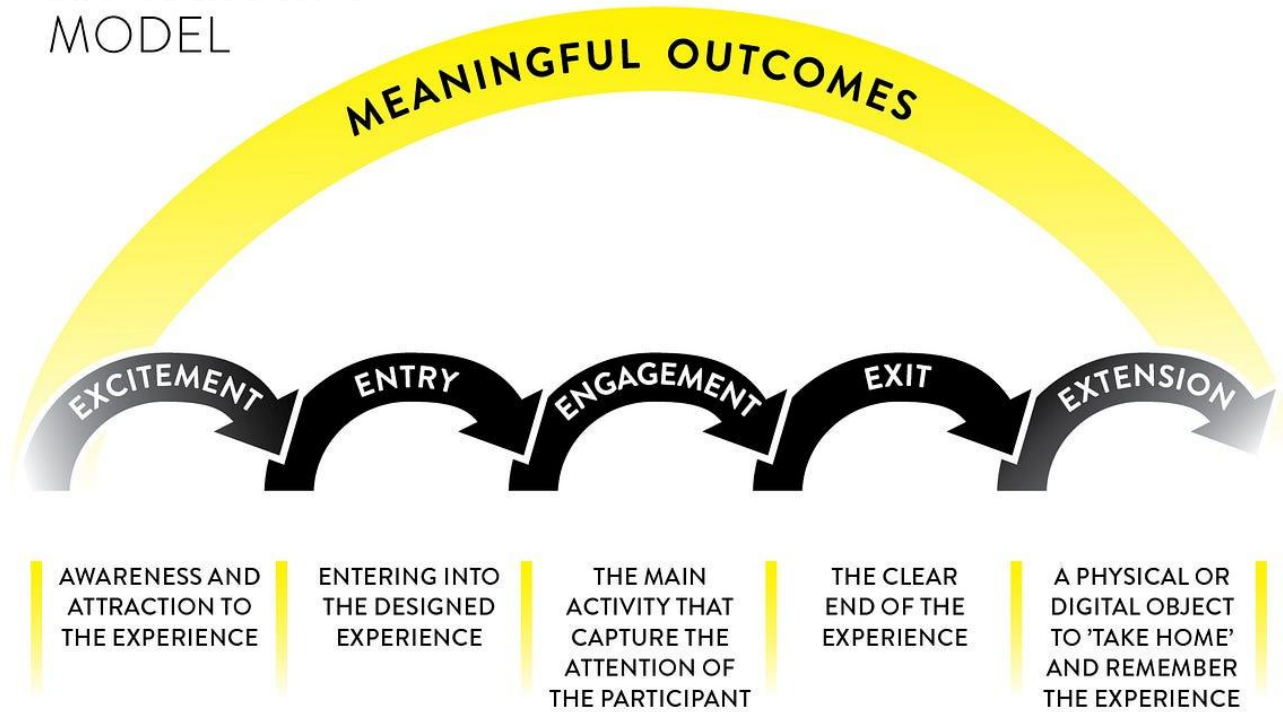
We are using a new *haggadah* this year—a *haggadah* written by women which brings women's voices and experiences (not found in the traditional text) into the telling of the story. Women's *midrash*, if you will. To extend that idea, we would like you to bring and share the story of someone who was at the original Exodus but whose voice/experience never made it to the text of the *haggadah*. Be creative. You can "bring this person" in the form of a puppet, doll, costume into which you dress up, a biographical sketch, poem, song—you name it. We will share these additional stories throughout the *seder*, wherever you think it fits. Please call if you have any questions.

Originally, we also thought to utilize the foods of the time and region, but Egyptian cuisine was not that exciting (also uses lots of beans). So, instead, we have gone to a country where neither of us have ever been, but would like to some day, that has a rich tradition of Jewish communal presence—Turkey. It will be very exotic and yummy!

Love you,
Tuvya and Karen

THE 5E EXPERIENCE MODEL

KAOSPILOT



CHANGES

Almost everyone at this table is going through at least one change in their lives. For example, Jimmy and Andy are getting married, Dana and Bill are having a baby, Doris is becoming a grandma, and I'm moving.

5 definitions of changes are...

- 1) SCARY
- 2) EXCITING
- 3) DIFFICULT
- 4) PAINFUL (sometimes physically and sometimes inwardly)
- 5) JOYFUL

Out of these 5 words, I think the best one is 'Joyful'. Sometimes you see the joy right away (Like in Doris's situation). Right when the baby is born, Doris is happy. But sometimes it takes longer (Like in my situation). It will take time to settle into my new house and to stop thinking about my old friends, but eventually, I'll settle in and see the joy in it.

During our seder this evening, we're going to need everyone's help.
(*Ariel, Jonah, Micah and Jessie will hold up & flip signs as each one is said*)

- When you hear the word **FREEDOM** you need to say **YEAH**.
- When you hear the word **SLAVERY** you need to say **BOOO**.
- When you hear the word **TRANSITION** you need to say **CHANGE IS GOOD!**
- When you hear the word **SPRING** you need to say **Ahhh**.

Let's practice them all once...

(Tape recorded introduction to **ARIALDO'S** talk show: Shtetl Schmooz)

Ariel

Appropriate for the middle of this month, the month of Nissan, this week's program on *Shtetl Schmooz* is entitled "Reflecting on Transitional Times" (CHANGE IS GOOD). During this program we will look at times of transition (CHANGE IS GOOD), times within our history where we can reflect that change IS good. We have with us in our studio today, a couple about to be married later this Spring (Ahhh). Ironically enough, our guests have the same names as history's first bride and groom: Adam and Eve. Adam Chatan and Eve Kallah have been chosen to participate in our program "Reflecting on Transitional Times" (CHANGE IS GOOD) to share with our audience the parallels of the events in their lives and the transitions (CHANGE IS GOOD) we reflect upon during the Passover season. We all know they must be experts by now on transition (CHANGE IS GOOD).

As Adam and Eve take this giant step, they will learn to distinguish between a time when they were separate, alone and uncommitted and a time when they will be bonded together eternally. They will weave their lives together with the lives of their people at this moment in transition (CHANGE IS GOOD), in anticipation, and in celebration.

Adam and Eve, please share with our audience the transitions (CHANGE IS GOOD) you both are experiencing, and of course, as spring (Ahhh) has arrived and we celebrate Passover, we know you will appropriately relate some of these transitions (CHANGE IS GOOD) to those of our ancestors, reflecting on their passage from slavery (BOOO) to freedom (Ahhh).

Jimmy & Andi

...adlib... (elaborate on the importance of taking this big step and relating it to the anxiety and questioning the Jews must have felt as they entered into freedom).

Ariel

As always, we ask our audience, the finest schmoozers in the shtetl, to participate in our program and we'll turn now to caller #1. Go ahead caller #1.

(Tape recorded question related to the special meaning this Spring brings)

Jimmy & Andi

...adlib... (Discuss how Passover is represented by the Spring (Ahhh) and it is the season we chose for our wedding --- and WHY. Share a selection from the Song of Songs, a book of love and the springtime (Ahhh) interpreted to be referring to redemption).

Ariel

That was beautiful. We'll now take questions from the audience.

--After the questions--Well, that's all the time we have this week. We hope you'll join us next week on Shtetl Schmooz when the board members of U.S. Prune Juice join us to discuss 'Dealing with Matzo and its binding effects -- day, after day, after day, after day'. Until then, this is ARIALDO wishing you and yours a happy and heathy Passover.

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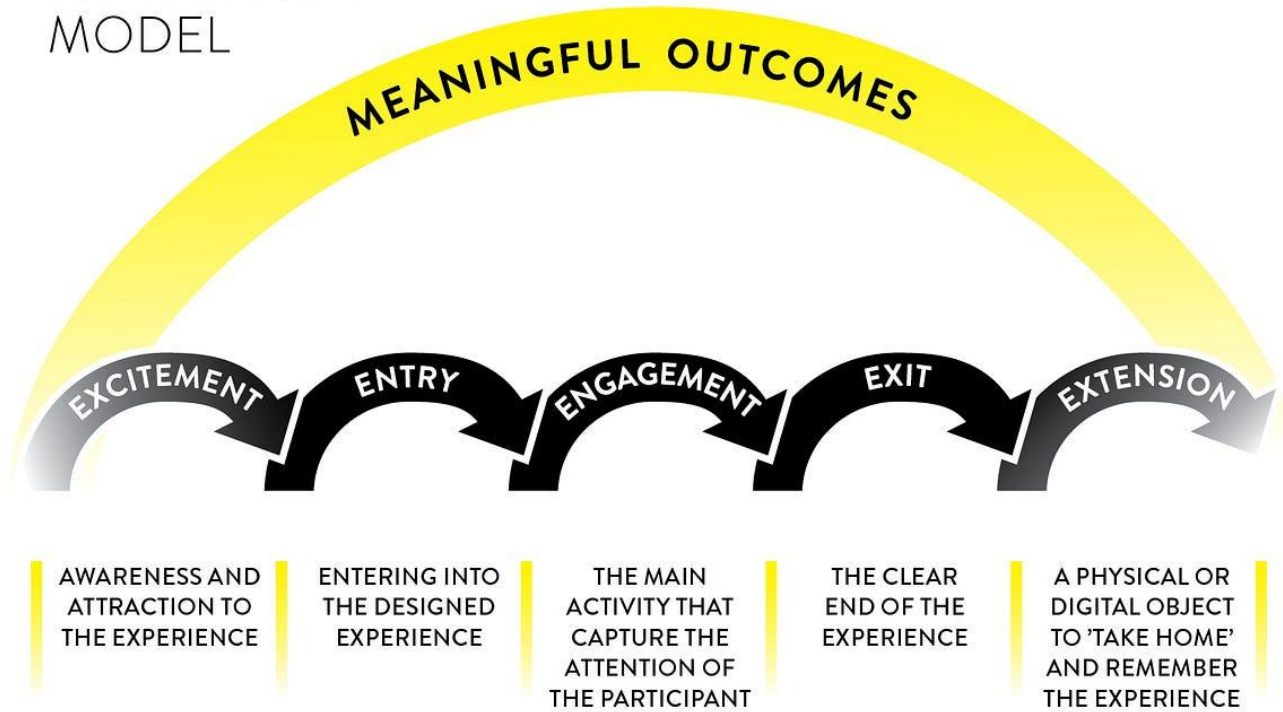
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Activate the entry

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Activate the entry

#3

Spread out the spread

#1

Invite everyone to prepare something

#2

Activate the entry

#3

Spread out the spread

#4

Read less, talk more

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BONUS

Don't sit on the afikomen (sit on it instead)

#1

Invite everyone to prepare something → Treat everyone like a leader

#2

Activate the entry → Treat more time as seder time

#3

Spread out the spread → Treat the seder like a dinner party

#4

Read less, talk more → Treat the haggadah as a resource not a script



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