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## Seder Meal

The Seder is the meal celebrating the Israelites' Exodus from slavery in Egypt. The food and the celebration are highly symbolic.

- Jews dress as people ready to travel, wearing coats and hats and sitting on the edges of their chairs as a reminder of their need to be ready to flee at a moment's notice.
- Ritual food items include unleavened bread as a sign of the flight from Egypt; hard-boiled eggs as a reminder of the sacrifice offered in the Temple in honor of the feast; roasted lamb as a reminder of the blood of the lamb killed in Egypt; bitter herbs as reminders of the bitterness of slavery; a green vegetable as a reminder of springtime, the season of Passover; and wine, apples, nuts, and cinnamon as reminders of the mortar used with the bricks for building Pharaoh's monuments.
- The youngest person present asks this question during the meal: "Why is this night different from all others?" The father of the family then explains the significance of the Exodus for the Jewish people.

Read the Exodus story from the Bible (*Exodus 12:1–28*), and compare the story with the Seder meal. Write the similarities and differences below.

### The Exodus Story and the Seder Meal

Similarities

Differences

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