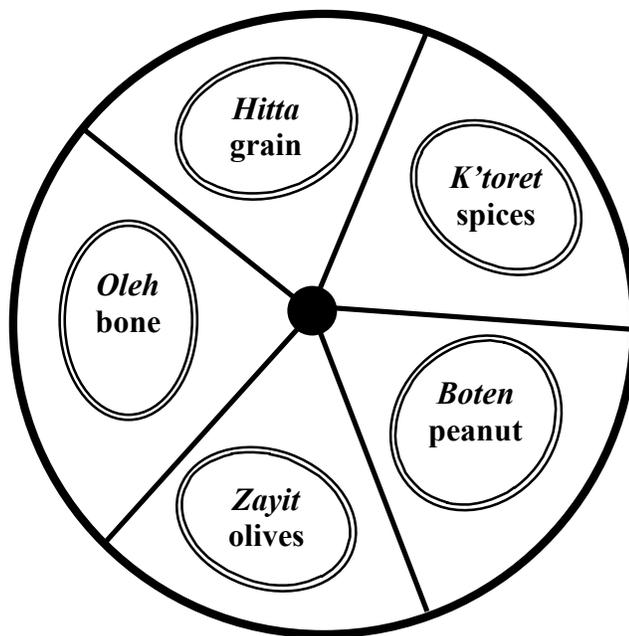


- Plate and lineup**
- *Hitta* – grain
  - *K'toret* – spices
  - *Oleh* – short rib
  - *Zayit* – olives
  - *Boten* – peanut



The Seder Lineup

1. GEFEN – Invocation over wine
2. SHEMONIYOT – miracle of the oil [latke/oil course]
3. KORBAN – present seder plate trio and Temple model
4. MAGGID – tell the story
5. NAYROT – candlelighting [salad course]
6. SHIRAH – traditional songs of celebration
7. KITNIYOT – olives and peanuts
8. S'UDAH – official meal

Characters:

Eustachian	Judah
Consortium	Simon
General Nuisance	Eliezer
Mattathias	

Reader: The people of Judah ached under the weight of the Seleucids. Some people threw on togas and joined a gym; others stuck to their guns but were constantly cut down by the ruling class. Tensions grew inside and out, with religious zealots challenging Hellenized citizens...and all the time losing their moral center – no Torah, no traditions...no Jews. A storm was brewing beneath the surface: the air was rife...with revolution!

Eustachian: Well, here we are again.

Consortium: Where exactly are we?

Eustachian: Somewhere up north...the form says “Modin”.

Consortium: “Modin”. Lovely. Look, there’s the general store, there’s the big red barn, and that must be the old-timey corner drug store.

Eustachian: Hey, maybe I can get me a soda. Or do they call it ‘pop’ up here?

Consortium: “Pal, gimme a dollah so I can pahk the cah in that wicked spaht.” See, that’s how they talk.

Eustachian: Who, the Jews?

Consortium: [pause] Y’know, forget it. Where’s the big guy?

General Nuisance: Ah, good, you’re both here. Now, we’ll need some supplies to get started. Eustachian, bring me the pig and knife you brought.

Eustachian: Sir, I have the knife...and this pig.

Consortium: That’s an awfully small pig. And furry, too.

General Nuisance: Well? How do you explain this?

Eustachian: Uh, I had a pig – a big one – and I ran into this, uh, elf, and he said he’d give me a magic, um, rock if I traded him for this smaller pig, and I figured you’d like a magic rock, y’know, for the kids.

Consortium: So you brought a guinea pig? It’s not even a pig, it’s a rodent.

General Nuisance: Guys, get it together, will you? Now, where's the local cult priest? Ah, Mattathias, so glad you could join us.

Mattathias: I got your note – along with the officers at my door 24-7.

General Nuisance: As the best known cult priest in town –

Mattathias: That's *kohain*, not priest. A *kohain* is chosen from descendants of the tribe of Levi, you see, whereas priests are, I don't know...I think Publisher's Clearinghouse just shows up one day or something...

General Nuisance: Mattathias, as the best known *kohain* in town, I firmly believe that if you sacrifice a pig, roast it on the town altar, and eat the cooked swine flesh for all to see, then they'll all feel comfortable with your decision and soon follow suit.

Mattathias: [pause] Now that's a plan!

General Nuisance: Indeed!

Mattathias: Just one thing – there's no way in Tophet you'll catch me anywhere near that pig.

General Nuisance: [not listening] Great, then it's settled. Everyone, gather 'round. It's time to start.

Consortium: My group has provided a pig, sir.

General Nuisance: Excellent, Consortium.

Eustachian: And here's your knife, sir.

General Nuisance: Second as always, Eustachian, thanks.

Mattathias: I appreciate the effort, gents, but, again, I'm not sacrificing and eating a pig.

General Nuisance: We'll see about that. Everyone, close in. People of Modin! I bring greetings from your leader, his majesty Antiochus the Fourth, the Enlightened, ruler of Syria, Egypt, and everything in between. That means you, too.

Mattathias: I'm telling you, it won't work.

General Nuisance: People of Modin! You will soon witness the new traditions we bring to you, as your leaders will demonstrate.

Mattathias: I'm telling you –

General Nuisance: [aside] Alright, look. I'll make you a deal. Let's say you didn't offer up a pig. Let's say it's a *kosher* animal.

Mattathias: Kosher? Like you grab a cow and tell everyone it's a pig? We're talking a pig about 5 hands high, white with black spots and great big udders. That's some pig.

General Nuisance: No no no. See, we kill the pig, then swap it out when nobody's looking. Then you're just roasting lamb or something – nobody will know.

Mattathias: Sounds lovely. I'll need to talk this over with my boys. Oh boys?

Judah: I'm here, Father.

Mattathias: I can always count on you, Judah. Funny, you being the middle child but still on top of everything.

Judah: We must concentrate on our mission, Father. We must be aware at all times. There are enemies abounding, thus we shall form up, in the mountains, in the caves, in the –

Mattathias: Judah, call the rest of them, will you?

Judah: Brothers, we are summoned!

Chorus: \*simulated shofar blast\*

Simon: You rang?

Eliezer: We're here. What's the deal?

Mattathias: Wait, I had five of you. Where are Yochanan and Yonatan?

Judah: John and Jon? Missing, as usual. Father, something must be done to keep our people from this Syrian slavery.

Mattathias: Time and patience, my young Maccabee...no need to hammer it in just yet.

Simon: Dad, you call him Judah the Maccabee – why don't we get nicknames?

Eliezer: Yeah, we want nicknames.

Simon: Yeah, like he said.

Mattathias: Oh, you have nicknames too, no doubt. It's just that, as a *kohain*, I really shouldn't say them out loud.

Judah: Father, the time is nigh upon us to take a stand and demonstrate to these people that they

are not alone.

Mattathias: My son, they may not be ready.

Eliezer: Well, we have folks in the hills fully armed.

Simon: And regiments building up in the rest of the Galilee.

Judah: If not now, when?

Mattathias: Are you boys...revolting?

Eliezer: Well, Simon didn't shower today.

Simon: I never shower on Tuesdays. It's...my tradition.

Judah: Brothers, it is time to unite against the oppressors. But how, how, how shall we do it?

ALL: And how!

### Seleucids [“Maria” from The Sound of Music]

#### Intro

Judah: They eat a pig and dance a jig  
Their actions are a joke  
They think they own the bloody world  
But soon they're gonna choke  
For one day, when they least expect,  
We're bound to break their yoke!  
The time has come to start a revolution!

Simon: They rule us all depending on  
Which way the wind will blow

Eliezer: I'd say that "it's all Greek to me"  
But, really, I don't know

All three:  
They'll change their ways the day we see the  
Negev get some snow  
♪ Can't wait another day for revolution!

Simon:  
If these jerks think that they can have it all,  
I'd have to say: They've got a lot of gall!

Eliezer: [spoken] Funny, I thought the  
Greeks conquered *all* of Gall. [pause]  
What?!

All three:

How do you beat an army of Seleucids?  
How do you find a way that we can win?  
How do you beat an army of Seleucids?

Judah: By making a plan!

Simon: With bare-knuckle force!

Eliezer: Give in?

All: NO!  
Obviously the Greeks do not keep  
kosher  
Still, even so we won't fall for their  
ploy.  
We're vigilant when we eat

We separate milk and meat  
Where does the Torah say that we'd eat *poi*?!

Simon: The *kedushah* –

Oh, how do you beat an army of Seleucids?  
Quoting the great *Sanhedrin*, we say OY!

All: That once shone!

*trio*

Judah: On the Sabbath, we must do  
What it takes “to be a Jew”  
Though it's just another Saturday to them...

Chorus:  
How do you beat an army of Seleucids?  
How do you find a way that we can win?  
How do you beat an army of Seleucids?  
By making a plan?  
With bare-knuckle force?  
Give in?  
NO!

Simon: And our Bible ain't a book  
With some notes that Moses took  
Buried in a cellar in Jerusalem

Obviously the Greeks do not keep kosher  
Still, even so we won't fall for their ploy!  
We're vigilant when we eat  
We separate milk and meat  
Where does the Torah say that we'd eat *poi*?!

Eliezer: At the Temple, what a crime  
That those pagan, Grecian slime  
Went and desecrated every single stone

Judah: Though our first Temple was burned  
Nehemiah soon returned

Oh, how do you beat an army of Seleucids?  
Quoting the great *Sanhedrin*, we say OY!

Eliezer: Let's rekindle –

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See a live performance of this scene at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFYdUU0umwk&index=8&list=PLCaVu5nQpsyTLPQeGAUcEq8kRubWz0C6x>