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When we first began to discuss the idea of a Men's Seder, some questioned the very premise of the idea. Many argued, not inaccurately that for centuries the seder was dominated by male themes, symbols and language and to create a Men's Seder was both redundant and a step backwards in the development of Jewish identity.

Others, ourselves included openly wondered if men would be drawn to and engaged by the experience - to paraphrase a certain baseball movie, if we built a Men's Seder would all who are hungry for male bonding come and eat?

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