Passover

Tradition: Judaism
March 27, 2021

Commemorates Jewish liberation from slavery in ancient Egypt.

Many Jews participate in one or more special gatherings with family & friends called a Seder.

During the entire celebration, Jews traditionally avoid leavened products in remembrance of the bread that did not have enough time to rise when the Israelites escaped Egypt.

A Seder can take many forms, including a focus on: traditional prayers and activities, interfaith and social justice themes, a combination of the above, or more!

What’s on the menu?
Since Jews avoid leavened products during Passover, one of the most common foods to eat is matzah.

What is the mood of this holiday?
(we realize that holidays are multilayered and complex; we are simply checking off a few moods to give people a tiny sense of the overall tone of the day)

☐ Celebratory  ☐ Mournful  ☐ Fun

☐ Reflective  ☐ Serious

Campus Climate Considerations, some celebrating the holiday are...

☐ fasting
☒ traveling
☒ managing family expectations/obligations
☒ busy with holiday preparations/rituals

Student accommodations might include:
Assignment modifications, Excused absences, Ordering foods that are Kosher for Passover if planning an event with food, Other Accommodations (ask your classes!)

Work-Restricted?
For many, the first 2 & last 2 days (starting the evenings before) are work-restricted. This can include restrictions on driving and working that can result in time away from campus.

Greet your neighbor!

Greet your neighbor: Chag Sameach (Hebrew for Happy Holiday)! Zissen Pesach (A Sweet Passover in Yiddish), Chag Kasher V’Sameach (A Happy Kosher Passover) or just Happy Passover!

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