

Spiritual Care Corner



with Chaplain
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The Celebration of Pesach (Passover)

Tonight begins the celebration of Pesach, Passover. Although we are not able to gather in groups at this time, we are still observing the holiday on the Snider Campus. There are programs for small groups and we have eliminated hametz from the menu. Perhaps most important is to remember what the holiday is about: freedom from oppression, freedom from slavery. The observance of the holiday has changed from its inception in Torah, but it has remained about the retelling of the story to new generations. As such, it is about families, education, and gratitude.

Every family has its own customs regarding the telling of the story and the festive meal. The style of horseradish, the type of matzah, the preparation of gefilte fish - these will change, but the feeling of unity and need for connection to a higher power pervades every home. This year we can achieve an even greater understanding of what it must have felt like to the Israelites, praying for the last plague to pass over their houses, as we pray for the virus to pass over ours.

May we have a holiday of peace and health and unity.

Chaplain Rob Menes

