## Oklahoma Department of Corrections Religious Services/Volunteer Services Unit Authorized Religious Ceremonial Foods

Food for religious ceremonies may be purchased by the inmate, inmate organizations, or be donated in accordance with OP-030112 entitled "Religious Services," section IX, item F, "Process to Accept Donations of Religious Items." The following foods are authorized for religious ceremonies:

## Judaism

- The Seder plate for Passover
- Matzah for Passover
- Grape juice for Passover (single servings can be purchased by inmates or donated and must be kept in chapel storage until the ceremony. Any remaining juice will be returned to the facility chaplain or designated religious staff. Grape juice can also be brought in by a volunteer and any remaining after the service is to be taken out by the volunteer)
- Kosher foods for all religious ceremonial meals

## Muslim

- Dates (a traditional fruit) for the month of Ramadan
- Halal foods for the Eid feasts and the Iftar

## **All Christian Faith Groups**

- Elements for the Lord's Supper (also referred to as Communion and Eucharist) bread and grape juice. Single servings of communion may be purchased or donated and kept in chapel storage until the ceremony. Bread and grape juice may also be brought in by a volunteer and any remaining after the service is to be taken out by the volunteer.
- The Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, and United Church of God faiths require sacramental wine during the celebration of the Eucharist/ Communion/Passover. Religious leaders and designated volunteers are allowed, if approved by the facility chaplain, to bring in up to two ounces of sacramental wine for this religious ceremony. Inmates are not allowed to drink the wine, but may partake by the method of intinction (the act of dipping the consecrated bread into the consecrated wine so that the participant receives both).
- Jehovah's Witnesses' observance of the Memorial of Jesus' Death requires the presence of wine and bread. The wine and bread are passed among the congregants, but no one partakes. Volunteers are allowed, if approved by the facility chaplain, to bring in bread and up to two ounces of wine for this religious ceremony.