The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. We provide pastoral care, support religious and philosophical communities, educate about human dignity. Its observance is not limited to Jews. Begins at sundown.

The Night of Power or Destiny commemorates the first revelation of the Qur'an (the Islamic scriptures) to Prophet Muhammad in 610 CE. The observance is not limited to Muslims. Laylat al-Qadr is known as the Night of Decree.

The Holy Month of Ramadan is the month of fasting during which Muslims who are physically able do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset in honor of the first revelations to the Prophet Muhammad. The evening meal is celebrated with family. It is a time for self-reflection, spiritual growth, and strengthening relationships. The evening prayer is longer than usual. In some cases, people fast all day long, except for before sunrise and after sunset. They also abstain from smoking and sexual activity.

The Night of Power or Destiny (Laylat al-Qadr) is a time when Muslims believe that the Qur'an (the Islamic scriptures) was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad. It is believed that the angels descended to the Earth that night to assist in the revelation of the Qur'an. It is a time of spiritual reflection and prayer. It is believed that those who fast during the month of Ramadan and come to the Night of Power with faith and humility will be rewarded with forgiveness of sins.

Another gift is the opportunity to find a few moments for prayer and meditation. Somehow the fast creates a stronger urge to seek out spiritual moments. In the rest of the world, it is difficult to imagine spending 24/7 with people you love, but that is exactly what Ramadan brings amidst the physical struggles that come with sacrificing food and sleep. And each year, the unexpected gifts make all the difference, even if one finds themselves breaking fast alone on some days. It's the shared journey of season I will mention, which has been the most powerful one for me as a chaplain this year, is the gift of making space for the opportunity to do less, not more (or at least less in the worldly realm and a little bit more in the other-worldly realm). It is an opportunity to place a temporary spoke in the ever-turning hamster wheel of life, where we feel compelled to constantly chase after our goals at an increasingly fast pace.

The University Chaplaincy is thrilled to welcome the Class of 2022 and their families to the in-person Baccalaureate Ceremony at Gantcher Family Sports and Convocation Center on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 3pm. The multifaith ceremony will include: Words of Welcome and Greetings of Peace from University Chaplain Najiba Akbar, a speaker chosen by the Class, and mufti Timuae fuerTim, an imam from the local community. The multifaith words of blessing and sending from Tufts University President Lawrence S. Bacow, Vice Provost of Student Affairs and Dean of Students Hilary G. Byrd, and Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Dean of Graduate Students Susan E. Diamond will follow. The event will be followed by the Baccalaureate Ceremony at Gantcher Family Sports and Convocation Center on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 3pm. The event will be followed by a reception on the grounds of the Gantcher Family Sports and Convocation Center.

The University Chaplaincy is a hub for faith communities, counseling, and support services for students. We offer counseling services, including individual and group therapy, and online services. We also offer support for students who are going through difficult times, such as grief, loss, and other emotional challenges. We are here to offer support and guidance to students, faculty, and staff. We are always available to help, so please don't hesitate to reach out.