The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community.

The Jewish New Year and the anniversary of the creation of the world, Rosh Hashanah is the first of the Ten Days of Awe (also known as the Ten Days of Repentance) that conclude on Yom Kippur. It marks the beginning of the holiest days of the Jewish calendar. Rosh Hashanah celebrates the creation of the world, the planting of the first crops, and the birth of the first human being, Adam. It is a time of reflection, introspection, and the seeking of forgiveness.

Rosh Hashanah is observed from the evening of the 1st day of Tishri, the 7th month of the Jewish calendar, to the evening of the 2nd day. During this time, Jews gather for services and read from the Torah, the first five books of the Bible. They reflect on their actions over the past year and make resolutions for the year to come. The traditional prayers include asking for forgiveness for sins committed against others, and seeking forgiveness for sins committed against God.

Traditionally, Jews start the New Year with a solemn fast, known as Yom Kippur. This fast lasts from sunrise to sunset and is considered the holiest and most sacred day of the year. During this period, Jews engage in the ritual of prayer and reflection, seeking forgiveness and renewal.

Mabon, also known as the Feast of the Sickles or the Harvest Moon, is a harvest festival celebrated by many cultures. In the United States, it is often associated with Wicca and other Pagan traditions. Mabon celebrates the harvest of the crops, the fertility of the Earth, and the return of the blessings of the Earth. It is a time of thanksgiving and recognition of the bounty of the Earth. (Begins at sundown)

**Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances**

- **Ghambar Paitishem**: [Register here](https://example.com)
- **Lynn Cooper True Colors General Interest Meeting**: Thursday, September 15, 7:00 - 8:00pm, Tisch Library, Room 224
- **Tufts Office of Sustainability Lectures**: Young Climate Activists and the Culture of Cultivated Optimism: Ann Ward, Department of Sociology, Thursday, September 15, 9:30 - 10:30am, Tisch Library, Room 224
- **Making Fellowship**: Apply by Friday, September 16

For any questions or more information, please contact Humanist Chaplain [chaplaincy@tufts.edu](mailto:chaplaincy@tufts.edu) or [Lynn Cooper](mailto:lynn.cooper@tufts.edu) (Program Director, Writing Support).

We also encourage you to explore the many programs and events we have available. Whether you are interested in exploring new spiritual practices, connecting with others, or learning more about the diversity of religious and cultural traditions, there is something for everyone. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

The StAAR Center is excited to announce that the Student Advisory Board will continue for the 2022-2023 academic year. We seek undergraduate and graduate students to collaborate with members of StAAR Center staff to share ideas, offer advice, assist in the development of programs and initiatives, and act as a point of contact for students and staff. If you are interested in serving on the Student Advisory Board, please [sign up](https://example.com). This is a great opportunity to gain leadership experience, network with peers, and make a difference on campus.

This fall we will be hosting two career fairs - one virtually and one in-person. These events are open to students from all majors and programs who are interested in connecting with employers. Students are welcome and encouraged to attend. [Learn more](https://example.com).

You can find the application [here](https://example.com) and sign up to be notified of upcoming events and programs. If you have any questions, please contact [Monica Morin](mailto:monica.morin@tufts.edu) (Program Director, Writing Support), or [Dan Bell](mailto:dan.bell@tufts.edu) (Associate Director of Career Services). We look forward to connecting with you at our events and programs throughout the fall.

This week, I invite you to dwell with this theme of intersection. What is an intersection—in your life or your community—that you wish to explore? Where do you think you could be enriched by taking the time to connect? This summer, the vines crossed one another planted lifegiving seeds for our community. With time, I trust that these seedlings will grow and spread. We have beenprivileged to learn from each other and have watched in astonishment at how they have grown and spread. This summer, the vines crossed one another planted lifegiving seeds for our community. With time, I trust that these seedlings will grow and spread. We have been privileged to learn from each other and have watched in astonishment at how they have grown and spread.