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

The Feast of Booths, also known as Sukkot, is an eight-day Jewish festival of booths (or tabernacles) and the fall harvest. The festival commemorates the Israelites’ 40 years of desert wanderings, during which they lived in booths. It is characterized by repentance, fasting, and forgiveness. Begins at sundown.

Kathy Staudt, a college and seminary teacher, spiritual director and writer, will facilitate the event. This event is open to all members of the Tufts community—students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

The theme of the retreat is Learning to Walk with God in the World and it will focus on helping participants find ways to engage with God in the world. The retreat will feature workshops, discussions, and personal reflection.

The theme for the virtual conference this year is: Social Resilience is Preparedness. The conference will bring together academics, practitioners, and activists to explore the intersection of social resilience and preparedness. The conference will be held online and will feature keynote speakers, panel discussions, and interactive workshops.

Find more information about the conference on the Tufts University Chaplaincy website.

Rooting Out Racism: An Online Retreat for White Christian Folks

This online retreat will help participants to understand the ways in which racism has contributed to racial inequity, and to commit more deeply to uprooting racism from their hearts and from the institutions in which they work.

The group will meet over the course of five weeks in small groups facilitated by Catholic Chaplain Lynn Cooper, O.S.P. The retreat will include guided meditations, readings, and discussions.

The retreat will begin on Wednesday, September 30, and will meet on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. ET. Find out more on their website.

Fridays 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. ET Facilitator: Jennifer Granquist

The University Chaplaincy is also offering a series of programs that will help participants to care for their emotional and spiritual health. These programs include meditation exercises, walking meditations, and nature connection and reflection by candlelight.

Jewish Chaplaincy Offerings

The Jewish Chaplaincy at Tufts University offers a range of programs and services to help students care for their emotional and spiritual health. These programs include Yom Kippur observances, Friday night Shabbat services, and a program on the practice and purpose of Buddhist Confession.

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. ET Catholic Spirituality Hour

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Tufts University offers a range of programs and services to help students care for their emotional and spiritual health. These programs include a program on the practice and purpose of Buddhist Confession, and a program on the purpose and practice of Buddhist Confession.

Fridays, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. ET Jewish Chaplaincy Offerings

The Jewish Chaplaincy at Tufts University offers a range of programs and services to help students care for their emotional and spiritual health. These programs include Yom Kippur observances, Friday night Shabbat services, and a program on the practice and purpose of Buddhist Confession.

Find more information about Yom Kippur observances through the Hillel website.

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The opportunities to connect are abundant. Our chaplains and advisors are here for you, no matter where you are in the world or how you are doing in this time. So much has happened and so much awaits our attention. It is easy to feel impatient and want to rush past the present moment to make space for the future. Yet the future does not begin until the present is made whole.

Warmly,

Ad interim Tufts University Chaplain

Jenny

Jewish Chaplain

Rev. Dan Bell, Protestant Chaplain

Fri. Naftali Brawer, Jewish Chaplain

Rev. Abdul-Malik Merchant

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