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 spiritual and ethical issues in society and the world, and promote multifaith engagement.

**Tradition: Judaism**
Sun., Sep. 12 – Thu., Sep. 16, 2021

Mabon – Also known as Feast of Booths. An eight-day Jewish festival of booths (or tabernacles) and the fall harvest. The tradition stems from the harvesting of the first fruits of the land and the thanksgiving and rejoicing over the harvest season. It is a time of thanksgiving for God's presence in creation and among the Jewish people.

**Tradition: Jainism**
Fri., Sep. 3 – Fri., Sep. 10, 2021

Paryusana – It is a holy festival associated with the birth of the 24th Tirthankara, Lord Mahavira. Paryusana concludes on Samvatsari, the most solemn occasion of self-scrutiny and forgiveness. On this day, Jains embrace the gifts of togetherness, strive to be the best community members we can, and welcome these callings.

**Tradition: Hinduism**
Fri., Sept. 10, 2021

Ganesh Chaturthi – A celebration of Ganesh's birthday, one of the major Hindu deities. Ganesh, the elephant-headed son of Shiva and Parvati, is revered as the remover of obstacles. The ritual includes a public reading of the life story of Lord Mahavira. Observed especially by the followers of the Shvetambara sect, this festival honors Lord Mahavira's birth and the principles of the Jain faith.

**Tradition: Hinduism**
Mon., Sep. 20 – Mon., Sep. 27, 2021

Ganesh Chaturthi – The festival of Ganesh Chaturthi celebrates the god Ganesh, the remover of obstacles, and his birth. It is a time of thanksgiving for God's presence in creation and among the Jewish people. The tradition stems from the harvesting of the first fruits of the land and the thanksgiving and rejoicing over the harvest season.

**Tradition: Sikhism**
Sun., Sep. 19 – Sat., Sep. 25, 2021

Vaisakhi – It is a festival that celebrates the new year as well as the harvest season. It is also a time to celebrate the founding of the Khalsa, the community of initiated Sikhs.

**Tradition: Islamic**
Sunday, September 5 – Thursday, September 8, 2021

Rabbani Rekha – It is a public conversation organized by the Islamic Center at New York University. Imam Latif will lead this conversation on embracing what we have in common as a community and working to overcome the forces that drive us apart.