The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. It promotes multifaith engagement and provides a space for reflection, dialogue, and community building.

Eighth Day (Shmini 'Atzeret) is considered both the end of Sukkot and a distinct festival. The name refers to the booths (sukkot) used by Israelites during desert wanderings and constructed in the fields during harvest time.

**Rosh Hashanah**
- **Sun., Sep. 12 – Thu., Sep. 16, 2021**

**Mabon**
- **Begins Wed., Sept. 15, 2021**

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**Dival Khi**
- **Wed., Sept. 8, 2021**

These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at the University Chaplaincy. The AVDF grant will catalyze the development of a 6-course sequence in interfaith civic engagement.

The University Chaplaincy is committed to supporting the needs of our growing team. She continues to serve Catholic students and connect with her via email. To support the University Chaplaincy, you can donate online.

**Dear Students and Faculty**
- **12:15 p.m. - 1 p.m. on Zoom**

To wish Azmera well and share our gratitude, you can apply to be a facilitator here.

**Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances**

- **Jummah at the Interfaith Center**
  - **Friday, September 10, 1:15 p.m.**

Join the Tufts Muslim Student Association (MSA) for Jummah at the Interfaith Center on Winthrop Street (across from Breed Memorial Hall). The MSA will welcome Abubaker Fakhry and former Tufts Muslim chaplain Celene Kaur. For more details, visit the MSA’s website.

- **Virtual Russell Lecture**
  - **Thursday, September 23, 2021**

Kaur will be our speaker for this year’s endowed Russell Lecture. The event will take place in March 2022. You can find all the details, and the link to film, below.

**2021-22 Paryusana**
- **Ends Mon., Oct. 4, 2021**

Paryusana concludes on Samvatsari, the most solemn occasion of self-scrutiny and forgiveness. On this day, Jains offer special prayers and ceremonies to the deities and conclude fasting rituals. Jains express gratitude and harmony with all sentient beings.

**Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances**

- **Farewell to Azmera Hammouri-Davis**
  - **Friday, Sept. 24, 2021**

Azmera Hammouri-Davis, M.T.S., is leaving her role as Africana Spirituality Advisor this fall. She is leaving the chaplaincy with gratitude and appreciation for her time here and her contributions.

**Interfaith Connections**

During these days, Jains impose some restraints on their daily activities by fasting, meditation, and prayer. The last ten days are known as Awe (also known as the Ten Days of Repentance) that conclude on Yom Kippur. It marks the beginning of the holiest time in the Jewish calendar and the time to seek forgiveness for past sins.

Shared moments of deep appreciation abound for we get to share life together again in person and in spirit.

Greetings and peace to you as we begin a new semester together at Tufts.

Reverend Elyse Nelson Winger

Pax et lux,

because of fear and bias. We are back together, and we have learned how much we need each other. Let us TOGETHER with both hope and joy.

that makes a difference in and for a world:

we're called to be.

are lighting candles with first-years and sophomores at their Illumination Ceremonies, setting the hill aglow with multicolored candles.

These days, Tufts resounds with joyful refrains as students and colleagues greet one another with broad smiles or laughter.

It is with gratitude; you can read her full biography on our website. If you have questions or ideas for how the Tufts University Chaplaincy can better serve you, please connect with program manager Lindsey Chu.

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Chaplaincy this summer. As Associate Director, Lynn serves on the leadership team of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and helps to fulfill the Chaplaincy's mission and goals. You can contact her at lynee@tufts.edu.

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