Each year, the end of the first semester coincides with the Christian liturgical season of Advent. These four weeks overlaid – one about a culmination of effort and evaluation of progress and the other about anticipation, expectation, and hope — are bound together in the Christian calendar. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of Christ and of remembrance of his birth. In some traditions, it is a time of increased prayer and fasting. In other traditions, it is a time of increased giving and service.

In the northern tradition, this is the anniversary of the Buddha's Enlightenment, ca. 596 BCE. In the southern churches, the first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Christian liturgical year.

In the Jewish tradition, the feast of Hanukkah begins on the 25th day of Kislev and lasts eight days. The origins of Hanukkah are tied to the Jewish victory over occupying forces in 165 BCE, which re-established for a time their religious freedom.

Thursday, 12.10 – Friday, 12.18.2020

A feast day that celebrates the belief that Mary, mother of Jesus, was born without sin.

Tuesday, 12.8.2020

Temples, a festival of lights, to celebrate the Jews' victory over occupying forces in 165 BCE, which re-established for a time their religious freedom.

Saturday, 12.12.2020

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Temple following the Jews' victory over occupying forces in 165 BCE, which re-established for a time their religious freedom.

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Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please follow the link to https://campus.harvard.edu/chaplaincy to Candlelight together!

Join fellow Tufts students, plus Brandeis and Simmons students, for a virtual Maccabeats Hanukkah Concert.

Maccabeats Virtual Concert

Each year one graduating senior is chosen to be the class speaker at the Baccalaureate Ceremony during graduation alumni networking event and Ganesh Puja. We will begin this online tradition with an introduction to Hinduism, led by Tufts' Hindu Chaplain.

For more information please connect with Hindu Chaplain Preeta Banerjee.

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Wherever you are, I wish you connection to whatever brings you hope in this season.