The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts community. It is committed to fostering an inclusive environment that encourages dialogue and understanding among diverse beliefs and cultures. The chaplaincy provides a range of programming and services that promote spiritual well-being and ethical engagement, including workshops, discussions, and cultural events.

**Ghambar Ayathrem**

A nine-night (nav-rat) celebration of nine auspicious forms of Shakti/Devi (feminine divine power/the Goddess). This celebration is a part of Hindu tradition and is marked by joyful festivities, including singing, dancing, and parades.

**Navaratri**

A Hindu festival that signifies the triumph of good over evil. It is celebrated over nine days, each dedicated to one aspect of the divine mother.

**Simchat Torah**

A festival that celebrates the completion of the reading cycle of the Torah, the Jewish holy scriptures. It is celebrated with joyous processions, singing, and dancing.

**Sukkot**

A Jewish festival that commemorates the Israelites' desert wanderings and serves as a reminder of our dependency on God. It includes building temporary dwellings called sukkot, which are decorated and used for eating and socializing.

These events are drawn from the multifaith calendar maintained by the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life at Tufts. The chaplaincy also organizes other events and programs that reflect the diverse spiritual and cultural identities of the Tufts community. For more information, you can visit the Tufts University Chaplaincy website.