The University Chaplaincy is a dynamic hub supporting religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life for all members of the Tufts University community. The chaplaincy provides a variety of programming and support services to help students, faculty, and staff navigate the challenges of college life. The chaplaincy also works to foster an inclusive and welcoming community that celebrates diversity and promotes understanding and respect for different traditions and beliefs.

Upcoming Religious Celebrations and Observances

- **Zohar Circle with Jewish Chaplain Rabbi Naftali Brawer**
  - Thu., Oct. 7 – Fri., Oct. 15, 2021
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - This monthly gathering explores aspects of Jewish mysticism through reading and discussion.

- **Navaratri**
  - Thu., Oct. 7 – Fri., Oct. 15, 2021
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - Navaratri is a nine-night festival celebrated in honor of the goddess Durga. This event will include a discussion of the festival and its significance.

- **Sukkot**
  - Thu., Oct. 7 – Fri., Oct. 15, 2021
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - Sukkot is a week-long festival that celebrates the harvest season. It is a time of thanksgiving for God's presence in creation and among the Jewish people.

- **Shemini Atzeret**
  - Thu., Oct. 7 – Fri., Oct. 15, 2021
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - The Eighth Day (Shemini 'Atzeret) is considered both the end of Sukkot and a distinct festival.

- **Simchat Torah**
  - Fri., Oct. 8, 2021
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - Simchat Torah is a festival that celebrates the completion of the annual cycle of reading the Torah in the synagogue.

- **Weaving the Waves of Awe: Indigenous Cosmologies for Ecological Belonging Webinar**
  - Fri., Oct. 8, 2021
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - This webinar explores Indigenous cosmologies and their importance for ecological belonging.

- **Be-Friend Interfaith Friendship Program Begins in October**
  - Every Monday throughout the Fall 2021 semester
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - Participating students, staff, and faculty will be paired in dyads and will commit to spending an hour together each week to discuss topics that matter: our values, our sense of purpose, and our questions about life.

- **Regular weekly programming has begun for Fall 2021**
  - You can find more information on our website.

Dr. Yuria Celidwen will host a conversation with the Center for Contemplative Mind in Society, in their Friday, September 24, 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET, held virtually.

**The Humanist Chaplaincy**

Humanist Chaplain Anthony Cruz Pantojas, MTS

As a new Humanist Chaplain, I am currently experiencing what it means to enter into unknown ecosystems at Tufts. In the past few weeks I've met students, administrators, staff, and visitors. I am welcoming, listening, andUncertainty because I am certain that as a community we will adapt and make new, sustaining stories of meaning. By doing so, they celebrate and honor who they are and are becoming.

Latinx Heritage Month

Marking the celebration of Latinx Heritage Month, we recognize and honor the contributions and experiences of those from Latin American and Hispanic heritage.

- **Muslim Student Association Welcome Back BBQ**
  - Thu., Sep. 16, 2021
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - This event is an opportunity to welcome Muslim students back to Tufts and celebrate their culture.

- **LGBT Center Open House**
  - Thu., Sep. 16, 2021
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - Join us to meet LGBT Center staff, enjoy a snack, and get to know the Center.

- **Come by Bolles House (226 College Ave) to meet LGBT Center staff,**
  - Enjoy a snack, and get to know the Center.

- **Join Rabbi Naftali at Tufts Hillel, 220 Packard Ave.**
  - Thu., Sep. 16, 2021
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - This event is an opportunity to welcome Jewish students back to Tufts and celebrate their culture.

- **Zohar Circle with Jewish Chaplain Rabbi Naftali Brawer**
  - Fri., Sep. 17, 2021
  - Location: Tisch Library
  - This monthly gathering explores aspects of Jewish mysticism through reading and discussion.

We are once again being interwoven into an ecosystem of radical relationality that is life giving.