Tufts Interfaith Awareness Action

Great Lent

February 17-March 28

This week, Tufts’ University Chaplain, Jennifer Howe Peace, will be talking about Great Lent, a period of spiritual preparation and regeneration for the new year ahead. The text is read at this time. Purim is a joyous holiday, celebrated by wearing of costumes, giving gifts to friends, giving food to the poor, and eating hamantaschen, triangular cookies made to resemble the hat of the evil Haman.

Jewish Festivals

Monday, 3.9.2020

Pesah: A joyous spring Hindu festival that is dedicated to Krishna in some parts of India; in other parts of India, it is the festival of the new month of Chaitra. In modern India, the festival is also celebrated as the beginning of spring.

Holi: A traditional Hindu festival of colors which signifies the victory of good over evil. The festival is celebrated for two days, the first day being the night of the new moon and the second day being the day after the new moon.

Röpke-Wojtyła Fellows receive a stipend of $3,500 in two installments. Additionally, travel, lodging, and most meals are provided. Fellows are required to participate in all conference events and to develop an individual research projectğ. Applications due May 15, 2020.

The 2020 LGBTQ+ Leadership Conference is the largest conference of its kind in the country! It is a 3-day conference that brings together students to enjoy keynote speakers, panels, workshops, and small group experiences. The theme of this year's conference is “Building Community: Networking for Impact” and is open to anyone—students, faculty, staff, alumni, and allies.

Applications are due April 14, 2020. There is a $30 registration fee. For questions, please contact the Student Impact and Equity Office at diversity@tufts.edu.

Check out this new scholarship for current Jewish-identifying college students who are exemplary leaders. Please apply by April 29, 2020. Contact Nazia Ashraful at nazia.ashraful@tufts.edu for more details.

The fabulous conference welcomes EVERYONE - including allies and folks who want to learn more about LGBTQ+ issues.

The 2020 LGBTQ+ Leadership Conference is sponsored by the Council of Graduate Students, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Tisch College, and the Office of Diversity and Equity.

Monday, March 16, 5:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel

Join the Tufts Buddhist Chaplaincy and the Tufts Mindfulness Buddhist Sangha for the third talk of our Buddhist Traditions and Practices Series! We will recite the Tibetan Refuge prayer and Bodhicitta prayer with Venerable Priya Sraman, who has been a Buddhist nun in India for more than 40 years and now lives in Massachusetts. The talk will be followed by guided meditation at 12pm! Light snacks will be provided. All are welcome.

Wednesday, March 4, 5:00 p.m., Goddard Chapel

Join the Tufts Buddhist Chaplaincy and the Tufts Mindfulness Buddhist Sangha for the second talk of our Buddhist Traditions and Practices Series! We will hear a talk on how to live a life of compassion and mindfulness, as well as meditate. All are welcome.

Thursday, February 27, 7:30 p.m., Granoff Family Hillel Center

Looking for a fresh start? Interested in learning about a queer, inclusive take on a Jewish tradition? The Watershed Project is a trans-informed, gender-inclusive ritual for people who are transgender, nonbinary, or gender-nonconforming.

It is open to people of all ages, genders, and orientations. Attendees will have the opportunity to create a personal life story to be used in the Watershed ritual. The Watershed Project will help participants to become grounded, clarify their identity or identities, and map their journey.

The Watershed Project is led by Rabbi Rachel Kahn-Troster, a queer, trans-feminist, multifaith spiritual leader and professor of Talmud at Harvard Divinity School. To see more upcoming religious holidays and festivals, please click [here](https://www.chaplaincy.tufts.edu/religion/interfaith).