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Supporting dynamic programs at Tufts University in religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life is easy and vital to our mission. We are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive community that values and respects the spiritual, cultural, and religious diversity of all individuals.

Join us in celebrating the diversity of our community and the rich tapestry of religious, spiritual, and cultural life at Tufts University.

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### Upcoming Religious Holidays and Festivals

- **Palm Sunday**
  - **Date:** Sunday, April 5, 2020
  - **Celebration:** Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, marking the beginning of Holy Week that culminates in Easter or Resurrection Sunday.

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- **April 16: Ramadan Preparations**
  - **Date:** Monday, April 16, 2020
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Weekly topics are:
- **Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.** If you have bread and wine (or grape juice), please have it with you. Otherwise, feel free to use whatever food and drink you have on hand as we join in fellowship with God and one another.
- **April 5:** I made at Christian camps who led me to engineering at Tufts. I was one of the few girls at my camp, but I felt very welcomed. Later, I went to college and was one of the only Christian students at Tufts. Join us this Sunday to hear how religion affected someone's life, but when I look back, I realize that it was the friends that helped me name this need.
- **March 29:** Wendell Phillips was a nineteenth-century attorney, orator, abolitionist, and advocate for women's and Native People's rights. The anniversary of the birth of the founder of the Zoroastrian faith.

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### Virtual Agape Meal for Palm Sunday

We invite you to join us for a Virtual Agape Meal for Palm Sunday. Since we cannot share in Communion in person, we will instead have a virtual "agape meal" in remembrance of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. If you have bread and wine (or grape juice), please have it with you. Otherwise, feel free to use whatever food and drink you have on hand as we join in fellowship with God and one another.

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Congratulations to the CAFE Coordinator and Support Staffer Abdul-Malik Merchant at Tufts University.

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### Supporting Religious, Philosophical, Civil, and Civic Engagement

- **Wendell Phillips Baccalaureate Speaker**
  - **Date:** Sunday, April 19, 2020
  - **Speaker:** Jennifer Peace, University Chaplain
  - **Theme:** Wendell Phillips, Nineteenth-Century Attentive Civic Engagement Activist

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### Religious and Philosophical Life Programs

- **Weekly Chaplain's Message**
  - **Date:** Saturday, April 4, 2020
  - **Message:** In a time when it can feel like everything is shifting, it is important that we find ways to ground ourselves. Let me share with you some of what is grounding me these days.

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### Subscribe

If you would like to receive our e-newsletter, "The Tufts University Chaplaincy Enews," please subscribe here. This newsletter is published weekly to promote programs and events related to religious, spiritual, ethical, and cultural life at Tufts University.

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### Press Release

The Tufts University Chaplaincy is pleased to announce the hire of the Student Coordinator and Student Support Staffer. Abdul-Malik Merchant will be the Student Coordinator, and Venerable Priya Sraman, Buddhist Chaplain, will be the Student Support Staffer.

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### Find More Information About CAFE

For more information about CAFE at Tufts University, please visit the CAFE website. CAFE is designed for first-year students who want to explore identities, improve interfaith understanding, and learn community building strategies.

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### Engage with Chaplains

You can go to a Chaplain’s name below to schedule a time for conversation, meditation, prayer, or to chat about anything else on your mind.

- **Rev. Daniel Bell, Protestant Chaplain**
- **Rabbi Naftali Brawer, Jewish Chaplain**
- **Venerable Priya Sraman, Buddhist Chaplain**
- **Jennifer Peace, University Chaplain**

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### Supporting the University Chaplaincy

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