

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Reflections on Rosh Hashanah

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The following are reflections from two student members of Hillel, our university's Jewish Community. The reflections discuss experiences during Rosh Hashanah while also referencing Yom Kippur.

Last week, I attended services for Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, with members of UL's Hillel at Congregation Agudath Sholom. I've never been to another temple besides my own in Charlottesville (Congregation Beth Israel, aka CBI), so I was a little nervous in going. This service was different for me, in that the temple had a police officer at the temple for security - I've heard of temples doing that, but seeing it with my own eyes was definitely a new experience for me. However, it felt amazing to be able to go to temple again, and to observe a congregation.

This week, we observe Yom Kippur, aka Yom HaKippurim, the Day of Atonement. This is a time for Jewish people to reflect and "absolve" their wrong doings from the past year. It also involves a 24-hour fasting period which even I can admit is not fun, but the big feast at the end makes it all worth it!

-Julia

Many congregations have had to adjust in recent years to a steady increase of antisemitic hate crimes since 2016, and the police were present outside of Agudath Sholom in response to a recent report of antisemitic flyers distributed around the city.

This day reminds us of the importance of personal atonement, but also our community responsibilities going forward into the new year. I am grateful to attend a school where I can practice my faith free of judgment, but all members of the University are responsible for the inclusion of Judaism

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and all religions, faiths, and spiritual practices on campus, because the University of Lynchburg is not isolated from the rest of the city. I would ask all of us, the University of Lynchburg community, to consider the ways in which we are responsible for our thoughts, words, and actions when speaking to like-minded folks and with whom we disagree: in classes, clubs, and passing by.

-Kyle

From the Hillel of the University of Lynchburg -

This Yom Kippur, and in light of the Jewish New Year, we wish for everyone prosperity, respect, and happiness.

Did You Know?

Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year and is one of Judaism's holiest days. It usually falls during September or October and commemorates the creation of the world. Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Days of Awe, a 10-day period of introspection and repentance that culminates in the **Yom Kippur** holiday (Day of Atonement). Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are known as the two main "High Holy Days" in the Jewish religion.

Dates to Remember

Sundays at 4:30 p.m.
Weekly ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS
in Snidow Chapel

SAVE THE DATE!!
October 31 - 2-4 p.m.
Doggies in the Dell
(Halloween Style)



Sukkot begins

Sunday, October 9
at sundown

Sympathies, Concerns, and Congrats

Our sympathies are extended to:

- **Nathan Albert** (University Chaplain), whose mother, Denise Albert, recently died.

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