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## **Chapel Hour to Mark Rosh Hashanah**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University will present its weekly chapel hour on Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 11 a.m. in Evelyn Chapel (1301 N. Park St., Bloomington).

The service is open to the public.

Members of the Jewish student organization, Hillel, will lead the service. The students will reflect on the upcoming Jewish holiday of Rosh Hashanah and explain and demonstrate some of the traditions and practices associated with the holiday, including the blowing of the shofar, a horn, blown similar to a trumpet, used in Jewish religious services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

The Jewish High Holiday Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish religious New Year. The English translation of the Hebrew phrase Rosh Hashanah literally means “head of the year.”

Rosh Hashanah is both a celebration of the creation of Adam and Eve, the first man and woman in Jewish tradition, and the anniversary of their first sin and repentance.

The New Year and the ensuing 10 days, known as the Days of Awe, emphasize penitence and self-examination of a person's actions in the past year as a remembrance of man's original sin. The Days of Awe conclude with the observance of Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, a solemn day for the reconciliation of sins.

For additional information, contact the Chaplain's Office at (309) 556-3005 or visit the Chaplain's homepage at <http://www2.iwu.edu/chaplain/index.shtml>.

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