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## Media Advisory

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**Event:** University Chapel Hour: A Service of Yom Kippur with Rabbi Theodore Gordon, associate chaplain at Illinois Wesleyan University and Rabbi emeritus of the Moses Montefiore Temple, Bloomington, Ill.

**Date:** Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2000

**Time:** 11 a.m.

**Location:** IWU's Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington

**Admission:** Open to the community

**Background:** Yom Kippur is the Jewish expression for the day of atonement. Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the Jewish new year, starts at sundown on Friday, Sept. 29 and ends 10 days later with a Yom Kippur service. The day of atonement is devoted to seeking forgiveness from the people one has offended and granting forgiveness to those who have offended.

Traditionally the day of atonement extends from early morning to sundown and includes a sequence of services and prayers. The Oct. 4 chapel hour will "provide an explanation of the theme of the day and will sample some of the prayers and chants from the service," said Rabbi Gordon.

"We want to reach out to those not familiar with the Jewish Yom Kippur. This chapel service will help interpret the day of atonement," said Rabbi Gordon.

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