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IWU Chapel Hour to Celebrate the Jewish High Holy Days

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. --The Illinois Wesleyan University Jewish Student Association and Illinois Wesleyan University Associate Chaplain Rabbi Theodore Gordon will present "Celebrating the Jewish High Holy Days: What Are They and What Do They Mean For Us?" The chapel service also includes Nina Gordon, assistant professor of cello and chamber music, performing "Kol Nidrei" with retired Professor Abram Plum accompanying her.

The chapel service, which is open to the public, will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 3, in Evelyn Chapel, 1301 N. Park St., Bloomington. Sponsored by the University Chaplain's Office and the Evelyn Chapel Advisory Board, the Illinois Wesleyan chapel hour provides services from all different faith perspectives.

The Jewish High Holy Days are observed during the ten-day period between the first day Rosh Hashanan, and the tenth day Yom Kippur according to the seventh month of the Jewish calendar. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year and is celebrated with family gatherings, special meals, and sweet-tasting foods. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement is observed on the 10th day, and is a time of fasting, reflection, and prayer.

Rabbi Theodore Gordon, associate chaplain at IWU, and Rabbi Emeritus of Moses Montefiore Temple, Bloomington, has served congregations as a rabbi and cantor in Baltimore, Md., and Winword, Pa. Gordon also has served as a Hillel director at Pennsylvania State University, the University of California, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Pennsylvania. He holds degrees from the University of Minnesota (B.A.) and the Hebrew Union College (M.H.L.).