

# Day of 10 Muharram Ashura

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Islam

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The 10th day of the first month (Muharram) of the Islamic calendar marks a holy day (known as Ashura) whose significance varies among Islamic sects. Sunnis consider it the day that God parted the Red Sea to allow Moses and the Israelites to escape Egypt. For Shia and Sufi Muslims, Ashura is an important and solemn occasion marking the Remembrance or Mourning of Muharram when Iman Husayn ibn Ali, a grandson of Prophet Muhammad was martyred, a day to contemplate worldly corruption against piety, sacrifice and perseverance.



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### Date

- Annual event in late summer or early fall, depending on the Islamic lunar calendar.
- Link to [Interfaith Calendar](#) for exact date/year lookup.

### Greetings

No common greeting.

### Common Practices and Celebrations

- Sunnis may fast during this holiday, although it's not obligatory.
- For Shias the occasion is one of sadness and grief: Mourners attend mosques for poetic readings that commemorate the martyrdom of Husayn.

### Common Dietary Restrictions

- Many Muslims follow halal food guidelines, meaning food that is permissible by Islamic standards.
- Vegetarian meals prepared without alcohol meet halal standards.
- When planning an event, check with event attendees for their dietary preferences.

### Impact to U-M Community

- Muslim colleagues and students may request to take the first day of the celebration off. Colleagues and remote students in Muslim countries will likely have a national holiday.
- Link to [U-M Guidance Regarding Conflicts](#).

### U-M Campus Resources

- [Maize Pages - Muslim](#), U-M
- [Association of Religious Counselors](#), U-M
- [Reflection Rooms](#)

### Information Sources

- [The Culture Trip](#)
- [Islamic Finder](#)

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