To: Smith Students  
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Date: May 3, 2018  
Subject: Ramadan

The Holy month of Ramadan is observed by Muslims from **May 15 - June 14, 2018**. The first day of fasting begins Wednesday, May 16 and ends on Thursday, June 14. Halal food will be available during Ramadan in Chase House, Room C from May 15 - May 27, 2018 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Halal food will also be available for lunch on Commencement Sunday, **May 20, 2018**. Meals in Chase House will be served on disposable dishes. On May 28 Smith dining halls will be closed to transition to summer programming. **All students are expected to provide their own meals on May 28 and May 29.** From May 29 - June 14 Halal food will be served in Cutter/Ziskind. Meals in Cutter/Ziskind will be served on disposable containers and will be served from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Dining Services has created a web page to provide information about Halal food at Smith at:  
https://www.smith.edu/sites/default/files/media/Documents/Dining-Services/Halal-Fact-Sheet.pdf

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**PLEASE NOTE**: Ramadan meals will be provided only to those who register in advance. It is not possible to increase food orders once Ramadan begins. Please be mindful of meals you reserve. **Meals that are made but unclaimed cause unnecessary food waste and expense.** If you are unable to pick up a meal you reserve, please contact Rick Rubin at rubin@smith.edu or at ext. 2318.

Registration for meals must be done online on the Dining website. Please use this link:  
https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/dining-services/special-diets/ramadan

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Reservations must be made by Friday, May 11 for Halal food during Ramadan.

**PLEASE NOTE** these other important details:

- When making lunch reservations during graduation weekend (**May 19 - 20**), you should request box lunches with Halal food and Cutter/Ziskind as your dining hall location.

- Any meals that you take with you from the dining hall with the intent to eat later to break your fast, should be refrigerated immediately. Any food left at room temperature for more than two hours should be disposed of for your safety.

- This year observant Muslim students on campus from **Tuesday, May 29 - Thursday, June 14** can opt out of the meal plan and prepare their own meals during the month of Ramadan. If you choose this option, you must register with Residential Life to avoid being charged by Monday, May 21. For students observing the fast during the month of Ramadan breakfast and dinner meals will be available for pick up nightly between 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Students who are not participating in Ramadan have access to Halal food during normal dining hours at Chase House, Room C (May 15 - May 27) and Cutter/Ziskind (May 29 - June 14).

Two prayer spaces are available on campus for Muslim prayers. They are the Blue Room (Room B5) in the lower level of the Helen Hills Hills Chapel and Wright Hall Prayer Space in the lower level of Wright Hall.

We will continue to work to improve our communication with students around dietary needs. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Ramadan, please call:

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