

Yom Kippur starts tonight

By Melissa Hosek
Staff Reporter

For many Jewish students, Yom Kippur, beginning tonight at sundown, is a day for reckoning their sins and reflecting on what it means to be Jewish.

Those who observe Yom Kippur abstain from eating or drinking, washing, using lotion or other oils, wearing leather shoes and having sexual relations. Those Yom Kippur rules were developed through interpretation of the Torah, the book of Jewish literature and oral traditions.

On this day, men and women conduct their own comparative self-reflection, preparing themselves to go before God for the Jewish community's final, annual judgment. This day is Yom Kippur, the final day of the Jewish High Holidays.

Yom Kippur concludes the 10 Days of Awe that began with Rosh Hashanah on Sept. 5. Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year. According to the Jewish calendar, the year 5755 has just begun.

In the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, Jews are expected to reflect on their sins against Jewish Law.

Seth Schuchman said the day helped him appreciate his Jewish heritage.

"The 10 days are for me to connect with my Jewish past," said Schuchman, a sophomore. "I like to read and study the history. It's a time to ask what I can do to improve myself."

Yom Kippur, also called the Sabbath of Sabbaths or Day of Atonement, is the most solemn of all the major Jewish holidays, said Alan Weiss, a Lincoln resident. It is the day all people's fates are determined, he said.

Freshman Joshua Levi said the day gave him a chance to start over. "I like to look at it as a new year," Levi said. "A waking up call to be better and do better deeds."

Jews can observe this day by attending three services, one on Wednesday evening and two on Thursday, Levi said. The most distinguishing prayer of the three services is the Kol Nidre, played on

the cello, which annuls the vows between man and God, he said.

"I believe the Kol Nidre is one of the most beautiful things in Jewish religion," Levi said.

A series of other prayers and cantors are performed at each of the three services, in which Jewish men and women beg God to seal them into the Book of Life. The services are concluded at sundown on Thursday with a cantor reading of the "Shema," dancing, singing and repetition of the phrase, "Prayer, repentance and charity."

To break the fast, enormous feasts are held, often as communal dinners at synagogues. Levi, who is from Connecticut, is separated from his family and will attend a dinner at the Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun, his local synagogue. Schuchman, from Lincoln, will have his traditional meal with his family. Neither will attend classes on Thursday.

Services will be held at both Lincoln synagogues, Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun, 20th and South streets, and Tifereth Israel Synagogue, 3219 Sheridan Blvd.

Students lasso skills in horse-training class

By Gregg Madsen
Staff Reporter

An East Campus class is putting a new twist to the three R's. For 10 students every Tuesday and Thursday this semester, it's reading, riding and arithmetic.

The class is Advanced Equitation, and it offers students a chance to further their horse-training skills.

Kathy Anderson, assistant professor and extension horse specialist, teaches the class and also a basic equitation class in the spring.

Anderson said equitation involved most aspects of riding and covered most general maneuvers that any horse should be able to do.

She said the class had one basic objective — "to take the students' riding skills one step further and teach training and more advanced techniques."

Some of the horses are temporary donations from generous owners, she said, but the rest are university property.

The class is divided into two segments. The first hour of class is devoted to working on riding skills and techniques with older horses that have been ridden before.

During this segment, students work on everything from posture to reign position, she said.

"We cover a lot of things that are review for me, but we learn new things also," said Tonya McKissick, a senior veterinary science major taking the class.

The final hour of class allows students to do ground work with young, unriden horses. Ground work is basically any training without a rider on the horse, McKissick said. Students work in pairs, which gives them the opportunity to share ideas, she said.

Student Mike Schram added, "Basically all of us have started horses before, but when you get around other people, you can learn other tech-

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MIKE SCHRAM

Advanced Equitation student

niques." The class offers students an alternative to a typical classroom, Schram said.

"This is so much more practical," Schram said. "You couldn't teach what we do in just any classroom."

The Animal Science Building's giant indoor arena provides a top-notch venue for the class, teaching assistant Kristin Barkhouse said.

"We are really lucky to have this type of facility. I think the students get a lot out of it," she said.

But the class doesn't just involve riding. Each of the 10 students must write a research paper for the semester. The students choose a trainer in the United States and report on that trainer's basic philosophy. Students may interview their trainers and travel to see them.

The students also are required to critique their own riding, Anderson said.

The rest of the grading system for the class involves various quizzes and tests about the maneuvers that have been taught in the class.

Barkhouse said the most important element of the class was learning patience.

"That is the key," she said. "People have to keep in mind that young horses don't know what you want of them, so you have to have a lot of patience."

Officers

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made officers realize that similar situations could happen to them.

"It can happen to anybody at any time," he said.

Cable said someone from the Employee Assistance Program at UNL would talk with department supervisors today about identifying symptoms of stress caused by the incident. Group sessions also would be offered to officers who want to talk about what happened, he said.

"It's natural for us to have some stress and anxiety built up by this," Cable said. "It's important for officers to be able to express that."

Cable said students, faculty and administrators had called him to learn about Soflin's condition and to wish

the officer well. Chancellor Graham Spanier visited Soflin in the hospital Monday night, Cable said.

"That does make you feel good when the community you're working in expresses those things to you," Cable said. "I know it makes Rob feel good."

Cable said Soflin's spirits were good Tuesday morning when he visited Soflin in the hospital.

"He's in some pain, in his hand mostly," he said. "He was talking to me about when he could come back to work."

Fred Soflin, the wounded officer's father, said his son was doing "reasonably well under the circumstances." The shot caused some nerve damage in his hand, but his son had a chance at a full recovery.

The elder Soflin also said his son was in good spirits after being injured.

He said his son told the surgeon to be careful before putting him under anesthesia.

"Rob told him his chosen profession was law enforcement, so he needed to handle a weapon and drive a car," Fred Soflin said. "But he said he also had to field a ball at shortstop and throw the guy out."

Soflin reacted exactly the way he should have during the incident, Cable said.

He said officers were trained to act quickly in unexpected situations and to take cover when shots were fired at them. When the gunman pointed his weapon at Soflin, Cable said Soflin fell across his seat.

"Had he froze and not been prepared, he probably would have been hit several times," Cable said.

Senior Reporter Matthew Waite contributed to this report.

UNL to merge onto information highway

From Staff Reports

The road work to put the university on the information highway is being planned, Chancellor Graham Spanier told the Academic Senate on Tuesday.

Spanier said during the senate meeting that the university was planning the information technology initiative, a multimillion-dollar project to rewire the university using fiber-optic tech-

nology.

The technology would be used to connect classrooms with interactive audiovisual capabilities, he said. The system also would connect faculty members to research at other universities and federal agencies.

Spanier said the initiative included students. The campus would be required to connect residence halls to the campus Internet program.

Students now access the Internet

system using phone lines, he said. Under the initiative, students would be able to access the Internet by direct terminal connections, eliminating the use of phone modems.

campus, such as in the College of Law building, already have such technology, Spanier said.

Spanier said the initiative was a high priority for the university, because it would keep UNL at the forefront of higher education institutions.

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mitted to continue trying for the Lincoln police and never really showed any resentment toward them. In fact, he never talked about his feelings at all, Peterson said.

That's why Peterson never expected what happened on April 27, 1993.

Schlondorf called him late that afternoon from his room, Peterson said. He had been drinking and told Peterson he was sick. When Peterson got there, Schlondorf was alone, half-conscious

with a severe cut on his left arm.

It was a self-inflicted wound, Peterson said. Schlondorf didn't say anything, and Peterson called the police.

Peterson said he went to see Schlondorf in the hospital once after that. Schlondorf thanked him for coming over, he said, but it didn't sound like he meant it.

That was the last time the two would talk until a couple weeks ago, when Schlondorf started calling. He needed help moving into his apartment, Peterson said.

Peterson said he didn't talk to

Schlondorf during a battle he had with UNL police to get back his belongings, which police had taken from Schlondorf's residence hall room after the suicide attempt. Among those belongings was the gun that Schlondorf allegedly used in the shooting Monday night.

Schlondorf, described as an angry man by UNL police, had a temper, Peterson said. But he had it under control.

"It really surprised me that he did this," Peterson said. "I didn't think he'd be the type of person to go out and hurt a person, unless they provoked him."

Background

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Schlondorf with a "self-inflicted wound to (his) left arm," police reports show. The wound was described as severe.

Cable said university police took the gun because of the type of incident and because the university doesn't allow students to have firearms in residence hall rooms.

Schlondorf contacted police several times after that, trying to have his belongings returned, but police refused.

Cable said police were forced to return the items to Schlondorf after he filed a lawsuit against the university. The university had no legal right to hold the items, Cable said.

Casady said he was angered by the fact that Schlondorf had the gun.

In cases like Schlondorf's, where police take someone into emergency protective custody after a psychotic crisis — such as a suicide — steps to deny them access to firearms seldom are taken, Casady said.

Casady said U.S. law stated that a person could be denied purchase of a firearm if they have been "adjudicated, mentally defective or committed to a mental institution."

Most suspects are taken to an emergency room, stabilized and released, Casady said. They also may voluntarily accept treatment. In those cases, the suspect would not be committed by process of law, he said.

What that means, he said, is that a person can have repeated psychotic crises and never be committed. Given that, they legally can walk into a gun shop and purchase a firearm, he said.

Even if people are committed, a state-required background check on

gun buyers would not discover that, Casady said.

"We in law enforcement have no way of knowing if someone has been committed to a mental health facility," Casady said. "There are no records. Mental institutions won't release that information to anybody."

Casady said police had tried to obtain access to the information in the past, but the county attorney's office turned down their request.

The result is that some people in Lincoln who own firearms "have extensive records of criminal arrests and convictions and have what I would consider serious mental health histories," Casady said.

"(They are) certainly people I would not trust with any kind of weapon — people I wouldn't let keep my tropical fish."

But there's nothing police can do, he said.

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