

Jewish New Year festivities begin

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Happy New Year. Though that greeting may seem out of season for some, it's timely for members of the Jewish faith who will celebrate the Jewish New Year, or Rosh Hashanah, this weekend. The Jewish holiday season that runs through September and October includes the holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchas Torah.

Miles Bryant, a member of the Tifereth Israel Synagogue, said about four University of Nebraska-Lincoln students regularly attend services. He welcomed all Jewish students, especially those from out of town, to celebrate the holidays in Lincoln.

Tifereth Israel, 3219 Sheridan Blvd., will allow UNL Jewish students to be complimentary members and will

try to match them up with a Lincoln host family, said Rabbi Stanley Rosenbaum.

"Some non-Jewish people have misconceptions that these holidays are just meals, but they actually involve long worship services," Bryant said.

Rosh Hashanah, which begins today, means the Day of Remembrance and begins the 10-day Jewish period of repentance. It is the day of creation and begins each new Jewish year.

In the Jewish faith, Rosh Hashanah is the day when God opens up his book of deeds and decides whether the Jewish people deserve another new year.

The next event is the Kol Nidre, which is the opening prayer of the Yom Kippur church service. It is when the Jewish people pray to God for their forgiveness about sacred vows they couldn't keep because of unforeseen circumstances.

Yom Kippur ends the 10 days of repentance and is a day of fasting.

The next celebration on the Jewish calendar is the Sukkot, which runs from

Sept. 27 to Oct. 6. The Sukkot, an equivalent of Thanksgiving, is the Jewish holiday of Booth or the harvest holiday. Festivities last for seven days during which the Jewish people give thanks to God for a good harvest. On the eighth day, the Jews celebrate and have a feast.

The last two days of the Sukkot end with the Simchas Torah. Each year the Jews read the first five books of the Bible, starting with Genesis and ending with Deuteronomy. The Simchas Torah celebrates the day when the Jews finish reading the book of Deuteronomy and start over again with Genesis.

At UNL, students can explore the Jewish culture through the Norman and Bernice Harris Center for Judaic Studies. Alan Steinweis, director of the center, said any student could receive an undergraduate minor in Judaic Studies. It currently serves about 200 students in the history, English, modern languages and classics departments.

UNL considers opening natural resource school

By **ERIN SCHULTE**
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More than 60 faculty members and hundreds of students will be a part of a new UNL School of Natural Resources if the NU Board of Regents agrees with recent proposals.

Darrell Nelson, interim associate vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said plans to get the school going have been sifted through by different university committees for almost 30 years. Right now, Nelson said, natural resources classes are scattered around 10 different departments.

If the school is approved, all those courses would be rolled into

a single department, under one director. The director will be appointed by the IANR Vice Chancellor after a national search.

Nelson said the school would allow the university to transfer money now spent on administration to course materials and could, in the long run, even save the university money. Years from now, Nelson said, a separate building for the school might be feasible.

Nelson said the goal is to have the school up and running by July 1, 1997.

Students would have a broader selection of courses, Nelson said, and if enrolled in the school, would receive their bachelor of science degrees in majors such as water science, geology and forestry.

The regents will vote on the School of Natural Resources at their March meeting.

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