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## Jewish New Year begins this evening

By MARY ANGELA LEBLANC  
Reporter

The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hoshanah, begins today at sunset and ends Friday at sunset. The emphasis of the two-day holiday is becoming a new person, and then putting that new vision of one's self into action, said Rabbi Peter Tarlow. If Jews repent honestly and completely, they are free of the sins of the past, he said, because the future is more important.

"A little of this concept has come into the American world through the idea of a new year's resolution," said Tarlow, rabbi at the Hillel Foundation which is on Jersey Street.

Customary foods of Rosh Hoshanah are apples and honey which represent heading for a sweet new year, Tarlow said. Challah — a round loaf of bread — is also eaten and represents a circularness in time, and that another year has been completed. The color white, representing purity, is another symbol for the holidays, Tarlow said.

The 10 days between Rosh Hoshanah and Yom Kippur are called the 10 days of Teshubah.

"The idea of Teshubah is the assumption that yes, people are hurt, and that we ought to seek forgiveness and give forgiveness and realize that no human being is perfect," Tarlow said. "One is required to make up to one's fellow human beings any possible hurt that might have taken place."

Teshubah leads into the holiday of Yom Kippur, the holiest day within the Jewish year, Tarlow said. Yom Kippur is most marked by fasting.

"Traditionally, one neither eats nor drinks during the entire period from sundown Friday to sundown of the next day," Tarlow said. "It makes us show penance. But I think more than that, it also makes everyone poor. Hopefully, when knowing what poverty is like, you will gain the desire to fight against it."

A tradition performed on Rosh Hoshanah is the blowing of the Shofar — the ram's horn — symbolizing one's awakening to the needs of becoming a new person, Tarlow said. The horn announces the coming of the new year and also ends Yom Kippur.

Tarlow said that Yom Kippur is also a day of total prayer. After Yom Kippur ends, the community comes together in a break-the-fast meal to start the new year off right, he said.



Do, Re, Mi

Beginning his 25th year as director of the Texas A&M Singing Cadets, Robert L. Boone leads his men through their paces in

Monday's rehearsal. Known as "Coach" in the Vocal Music Office, Boone plans for another year of performances around the state.

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## Co-op education mixes experience with school

By MARK VIGUET  
Reporter

A goldmine of experience through cooperative education awaits liberal arts students on the fourth floor of Harrington Tower.

But Annie Ruth Taylor, coordinator of the liberal arts cooperative education department, said many students don't even know she's there.

"A lot of times students won't drop by until their junior year, and by then it's too late for a placement, or they show interest and then never get back in touch with us again," Taylor said. "Positions go unfilled each semester because we don't have the students. A law firm in Houston needed two workers this fall, but we just didn't have the applicants."

Cooperative education (co-op) coordinates classroom studies with supervised work experiences in the private sector. Students are employed by industry, business and government organizations for specific periods of time in positions related to their major. Normally students work two periods, alternating their co-op position with full-time academic study.

Taylor said students find the co-op jobs worthwhile. "It's a rewarding experience because it gives students a chance to

work in real-life situations in their career choice," she said. "And even if they find out they are in the wrong field, that's good too, because it's early enough for them to do something about it. Students also frequently find the job is exactly right for them, so they choose that career."

To find a co-op job, Taylor said the first step is to try to locate a position as soon as possible.

"I like to see students come in as freshmen, so that we have time to locate a job by their sophomore or junior year," Taylor said. "If possible, we try to set up a schedule that won't affect graduation, although at times it may take a student an extra semester."

Taylor said students in the liberal arts need the experience a co-op job provides.

"It's opened up somewhat, but in the past it was hard for students to find a job because they are in liberal arts," she said. "We've found employers receptive, but because of the wide range of courses liberal arts students take, they do look at a student's particular area of interest when deciding whether to hire or not."

When potential co-op students contact the office, they will be given

an information packet, told jobs are available in their field, the job requirements are and what to expect at work. They are told to bring back a degree plan with scheduled graduation date and resume to send to possible employers. "As soon as we get that information, we go to work trying to locate a suitable job," Taylor said. "Sometimes we have employers, at times we'll have to look for them. The student can suggest employers that we will contact."

The office sends the resume, possibly an application and any other related materials, such as previous work samples, to employers and them to call the student directly to set up an interview.

"The employers will try to contact the students, but the students also try to get in touch with the employers," Taylor said. "After the interview, it's up to the employer. We'll follow up afterwards. If a student expresses interest, but really shouldn't go for an interview unless they are sincere about being hired."

Taylor said the office places students a year in jobs throughout Texas and the Southwest.

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Wednesday, Sept. 26, 8 p.m.  
Thursday, Sept. 27, 10 a.m.  
Friday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m.

**Yom Kippur Services**

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