Jewish celebration begins

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As the sun melts into the evening sky tonight, religious and non-religious Jews alike will come together in Beall Hall to welcome Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.

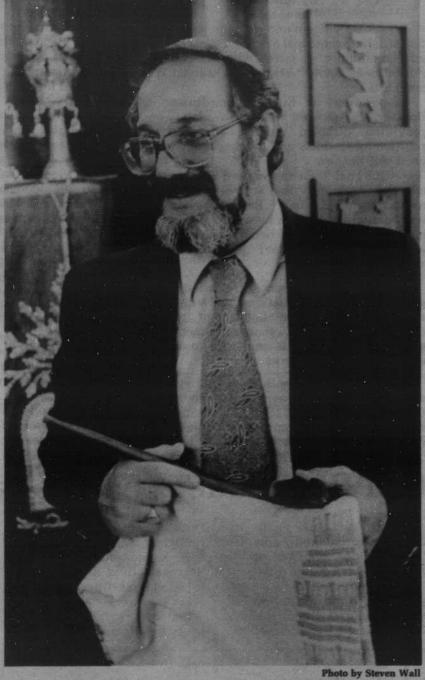
"The High Holidays are considered the most special time of year for identifying Jewishly (those of the Jewish faith)." says Rabbi Myron Kinberg of Eugene's Temple Beth Israel.
"Rosh Hashanah is the beginning of the Jewish Spiritual New Year. It's a celebration of creation and an evaluation of each individual person's place in creation.'

The New Year of the Hebrew calander, which is based on the sun and moon cycles, occurs around the Autumnal Equinox, "when the sun is between a balance of 12 hours of day and 12 hours of night, and the whole universe is in balance," Kinberg says.

Traditionally, on the eve of Rosh Hashanah apples with honey are eaten to initiate a sweet and healthy year, he says. Young children in the congregation will be called to the pulpit to partake in the ritual, while others will taste the sweet New Year in a reception following tonight's service.

But tomorrow the holiday takes on a more serious mood, beginning the ten Days of Awe, which will end Oct. 6 on Yom Kippur, or the Day of Atonement.

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At least 100 Jewish students are expected to join Rabbi Myron Kinberg in celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, tonight at Beall Hall.

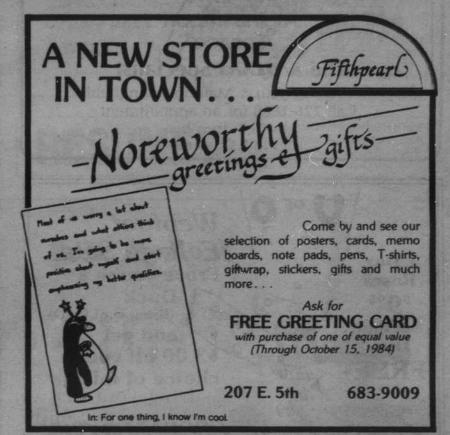
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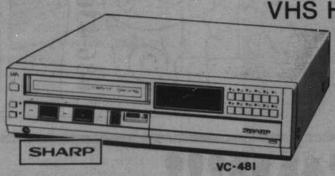
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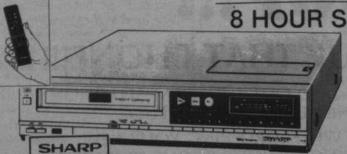
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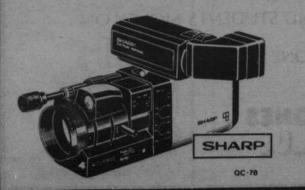
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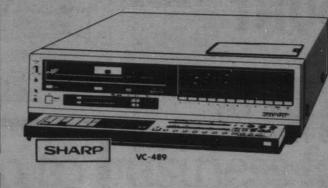
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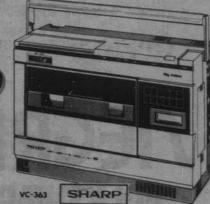


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