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Yom Kippur

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Fast will be broken Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's services include the Al Chet, a list of 30 sins that have been committed before God, Landy said.

Its name, Landy explained, "is derived from shooting a bow — when you miss the mark in archery."

Erev Rosh Hashanah, which began this year at sundown Sept. 20, marks the entry into the "days of atonement," a period for spiritual cleansing. For 1,200 Jewish students, the religious events bring community together.

"It's a time when they're used to being with their family and community," Landy said. "We are now their community."

The mood of students far from home shouldn't be directed toward sorrow, Landy said.

"It's a solemn period, but it's not a sad period," she said. "It's a time for introspection, a time for renewing one's place in the world and concept of the divine."

While many campus groups are in orientation this week, JSU needs

High Holidays Calendar

Today: Kol Nidre Service begins at 7 p.m. in Gerlinger Lounge

Wed., Sept. 30: Yom Kippur morning service begins at 10 a.m. in Gerlinger Lounge

Wed., Sept. 30: 5 p.m. service at Gerlinger Lounge followed by Break the Fast

Fri., Oct. 2: Welcome Back Shabbat, 6 p.m. at Hillel—1059 Hillyard

Source: Hillel

Time Crunching

Jewish Holidays follow different time standards. Rosh Hashanah celebrates creation, the birthday of the world. Holy days begin at sunset, following the orbit of the moon instead of a 24-hour cycle. High Holidays follow a yearly cycle that was prescribed in the Book of Numbers, a book of the Torah concerned with legal obligations. Other observed cycles include the harvest cycle and the cycle commemorating specific historic events.

Sources: Hillel and JSU

to hold activities immediately, JSU co-director Angela Favero said.

"We're busy welcoming students in terms of being open," she said. In comparison with Hillel, she added, JSU is "more of a support system for students."

Private college students usually don't attend classes during Yom Kippur, and it's an excused absence at state schools, Landy said.

Still, Poplack said, the conflict is straining.

"You don't want to skip class,

but then your parents ask 'How was your fast?'" he said.

The University recognizes the Jewish New Year but still holds classes. Students not attending for Yom Kippur will be excused, University Registrar Herb Chereck said.

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