

ARE CELEBRATING JEWISH NEW YEAR

Superior Hebrews Begin Observation Tonight—Important Event Among Jews.

Beginning with tonight the Jewish people of Superior will celebrate the New Year. The Jewish New Year is a feast of marked significance in the religious calendar of the Hebrews and is strictly observed by all the congregation of orthodox faith throughout the world.

The synagogue of the Hebrew Brotherhood have a handsome little edifice at 603 Hammond avenue, where a small but devout band of worshippers gather under the direction of Rabbi Isaac Tremblatt, and it is here the services will be held.

The year in the Jewish calendar is 5665. It is the new year of the old testament and in the Hebrew tongue, known as Rosh Hashana. The new year is an embolismic perfect year of 385 days, while the year just closing consists of but 354 days.

In America, where the members of the Jewish denomination are divided into the orthodox and reformed congregations, there are some minor differences in the manner of observing the occasion. In all of them the ancient ceremony of blowing the shofar or ram's horn is still used. In the orthodox congregations, which cling most tenaciously to the old time ritual, one of the customs is for the men to appear in the temples clad in shrouds to typify the significance of the day as a reminder of death.

The Jewish New Year and the Day of Atonement, the latter occurring September 19, are perhaps the most rigidly observed of all the holidays on the religious calendar of that faith. The sacredness of these two observances is recognized by the Jewish people of both branches of the faith. The most important differences in the manner of the observation is the fact that the orthodox branch observes two days, while the reformed celebrates but one.

The beginning of the Jewish New Year is not fixed by the movement of the season, it being a lunar year. It therefore has no fixed date according to the Christian calendar, but may occur at dates varying several days from year to year. The date of this year, 5665, according to Jewish historians, is the record of years from creation. According to the Jewish calendar September 10 is the first day of the month of Tishri, the first month of the Jewish new year. The day is not only made a solemn and impressive one but is also one of gladness.