

# JEWISH NEW YEAR CELEBRATED TODAY

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**Services Are Held in Temple  
and More Will Take Place  
All Over City.**

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**Rabbi Gries Speaks On Ideals  
Cherished in Many  
Centuries.**

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Three solemn blasts of the shofar, the ram's horn of ancient ceremonial, will usher in the year 5669 at this morning's services in Jewish synagogues.

With the thermometer at July temperature last night was anything but a typical new year's eve as the majority of the world reckons, but to the congregation that filled The Temple there was no novelty in the Jewish tradition that the world was created in the early autumn.

"The old rabbis believed that God wrote the fate of each human being in the book of life at the new year," said Rabbi Moses J. Gries in his brief sermon. "May you be written for a good year."

"Once again the world is witness to the marvelous spectacle of the Jew scattered everywhere among the nations, worshiping the one God," he declared. "Israel alone celebrates a new year dating from the creation of the world. No longer do we accept the ancient Bible chronology. The earth is older than 5669 and civilization has numbered more than 60 centuries. Still, following the spirit of the old tradition, Judaism and Israel celebrate the universal new year of the world, counting from the traditional day of creation."

Continuing, Rabbi Gries dwelt upon the high ideal of family life cherished through the centuries by the Jewish people. He urged his congregation not to forget the deeper meanings of life in the annual family reunions held in celebration of the new year, but to ennoble every home with the joy of love and to dedicate the temple afresh to spiritual uplift. Scripture reading, prayer and an anthem by the choir completed the evening's service.

At 9:30 this morning a second service will be held in The Temple, and Rabbi and Mrs. Gries will receive members and friends of the congregation there between 2:30 and 5 this afternoon.

Rabbi Louis Wolsey began the religious celebration of the new year at Scovill temple last night and will speak at 10 this morning. At Bene Jeshurun Dr. Michael Machol spoke last night on "Debit and Credit" and will hold services at 6 o'clock this morning and at 7:30 this evening. Rabbi Samuel Margolies spoke at 6 last night at Ashe Emeth temple and will hold services at 9:30 this morning.