

Tisha Ba'av - the 9th of the Hebrew Month Av

Saddest day on the Jewish Calendar on which we recall many tragedies that befell the Jewish people. Many Jews Fast, sit on the Floor, read the book of Lamentations (*Eicha*), and pray for the Messiah to come, for the Temple to be Rebuilt, for the restoration of the Jewish people to our Homeland Israel, and for an age of Peace, Love, and Security for the entire world



1313 BCE: After the Exodus and receiving the Torah, the **spies Moses sent out to Israel returned from the Promised Land** with frightening reports, and the Israelites **lost faith in G-d and didn't want to enter the land**. G-d decreed that they would therefore wander in the desert for 40 years.

The Beit Hamikdash, our **Holy Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed Twice** on this date. The First Temple was burned by the Babylonians in 586 BCE **(due to Jews committing 3 cardinal sins (Murder, Idolatry, Sexual immorality))** and the Second Temple fell to the Romans in 70 CE **(due to Jews hating each other for no reason)**

The Last Jewish attempt to free themselves lead by **Bar Kochba** against the Romans in 133 CE ended in defeat: Over 500,000 Jews of the town Betar were butchered on the 9th of Av and the Temple Mount was plowed one year later on the same date.

Later on in our history, many more tragedies happened on this day...

1095 First Crusades. Over 10,000 Jews in France and Germany murdered

1290 expulsion of England's Jews

1492 Expulsion of all Jews from Spain and soon after Portugal

1914 World War I breaks out

1941 Himmler approves Nazi's evil Final Solution program to rid Europe of it's Jewish problem (*Holocaust*).

1942 Warsaw Ghetto is liquidated and the thousands of Jews are sent to the Treblinka Death Camp.

1994 Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina Bombed. Killed 85 and injuring 300 people.

2005 Israeli Disengagement from Gaza. Israel expels over 8000 of her own Jews from the Gush Katif communities in the Gaza Strip. Leads to over a decade of Hamas violence and rockets and multiple wars

Though the Jews have seen many sad days, we focus all our mourning on just this one day of the year. We REMEMBER who and what we've lost and keep their memory alive in our hearts. We take the pain and let it fuel us towards building a better tomorrow.

Judasim is all about LIFE

About Learning constantly, enjoying this world, and making the most of every day!

About becoming the best versions of ourselves we can be!

About not dwelling in the pain of the past, but rather the hope of a brighter future!