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Rabbi's Article

The ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av, known as Tisha B'Av, is the saddest day in the Jewish calendar. This day, which falls this year on the evening of Monday, July 15th, continuing until the night of Tuesday July 16th, is a day of fasting and mourning.

Many calamities happened across history on this day, among them:

According to the Mishnah (Taanit 4:6), five specific events occurred on the ninth of Av that warrant fasting:

- 1. The twelve spies sent by Moses to observe the land of Canaan returned from their mission. Only two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, brought a positive report, while the others spoke disparagingly about the land. The majority report caused the Children of Israel to cry, panic and despair of ever entering the "Promised Land". For this, they were punished by God that their generation would not enter the land. Because of the Israelites' lack of faith, God decreed that for all generations this date would become one of crying and misfortune for their descendants, the Jewish people.
- 2. The First Temple built by King Solomon and the Kingdom of Judah was destroyed by the Babylonians led by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC and the Judeans were sent into the Babylonian exile.
- 3. The Second Temple built by Ezra and Nehemiah was destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD, scattering the people of Judea and commencing the Jewish exile from the Holy Land. According to the Talmud in tractate Ta'anit, the destruction of the Second Temple began on the Ninth of Av and the Temple continued to burn throughout the Tenth of Av.
- 4. The Romans crushed Bar Kokhba's revolt and destroyed the city of Betar, killing over 100,000 Jews, in 132 AD.
- 5. Following the Roman siege of Jerusalem, Roman commander Turnus Rufus plowed the site of the Temple and the surrounding area, in 133 AD.

Over time, Tisha B'Av has come to be a Jewish day of mourning, not only for these events, but also for later tragedies. Regardless of the exact dates of these events, for many Jews, Tisha B'Av is the designated day of mourning for them, and these themes are reflected in prayers composed for this day.

Other calamities associated with Tisha B'Av:

- * The First Crusade was declared by Pope Urban II in 1095, killing 10,000 Jews in its first month and destroying Jewish communities in France and the Rhineland.
 - * Jews were expelled from England in 1290.
 - * Jews were expelled from Spain in 1492.
- * On Tisha B'Av 1914 (August 1, 1914), World War I broke out, causing unprecedented devastation across Europe and set the stage for World War II and the Holocaust.
- * On the eve of Tisha B'Av 1942, the mass deportation began of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto, en route to Treblinka.

* The Jewish community center in Buenos Aires was bombed, killing 86 and wounding 300 others, on Monday July 18, 1994, the 10th of Av according to the Jewish Calendar.

In the way it is traditionally observed, *Tisha B'Av bears similar stringencies to those of Yom Kippur. In addition to the length of the fast which lasts about 25 hours, beginning at sunset on the eve of Tisha B'Av and ends at nightfall the following day, Tisha B'Av also shares the following five prohibitions.*

- 1. No eating or drinking
- 2. No washing or bathing
- 3. No application of creams or oils
- 4. No wearing of leather shoes
- 5. No marital relations

Adapted and abridged from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tisha_B%27Av

In the synagogue, services are held in the evening by candlelight or with soft light and people sit on the floor or on low stools as if during Shiva. We read the biblical scroll of Lamentations, that tells the calamities that happened to the Jewish people at the time of the destruction of the First Temple of Jerusalem, together with Kinnot, mournful prayers composed later at sad times during our history.

Despite the sad nature of the day, traditional sources say that the Messiah will be born on Tisha B'av, so the mourning observances of the present will be replaced by joyful celebration in the future.

Please come to Temple Beth El on Monday, July 15th at 8 PM and join us for a very meaningful -yet mournful- Tisha B'av evening service.

This year we will be using a new Mahzor - High Holiday prayerbook!

Please consider purchasing a copy for your family or dedicating one for the Temple, in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a Simcha, for a \$18 donation per book.

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Norman Smith
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Birthdays August

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Anniversary August

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Terry and Jerry Farkash
Jack Likwornik and Margarita Kagan
Tatyana and Senya Vayner

Congratulations to Lauren Berliner on her engagement



Anniversary July

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CONGRATULATIONS TO KAREN AND BRIAN BERLINER ON THE ENGAGEMENT OF THEIR DAUGHTER, LAUREN.

Congratulations to Lorraine Lester on the engagement of her granddaughter, Lauren Berliner.

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We need to know too...

Please call the temple office at (718) 891-3500 or email us at office@templebethelMB.org or at Rabbi@templebethelMB.org and let us know so we can call, offer help and arrange for a visit.

Don't assume that we already know...

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Thank you - Todah Rabbah!

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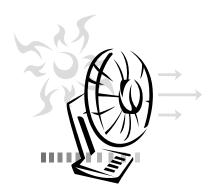
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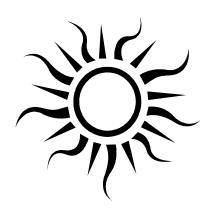
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I would like to thank the members who came to the temple on Father's Day to view the bright long, yellow ambulance that was purchased in memory of my daughter, Judith Fried, for the Magen David Adom in Israel through their N.Y.C, office. By doing this, I am following in the generous footsteps of my mother.

Many types of operations can be performed in this vehicle before the injured reaches the hospitals in Israel. After going through United States customs, it will be shipped to Israel, and should be there in one month or so.

Thanks to Rabbi Kupchik, pictures of the equipment inside and the outside view with my family, are posted on the Temple website ,http://templebethelmb.org/ambulance/. Please visit THAT website.

By looking at the Temple's website <u>www.templebethelmb.org</u> you will learn about this and many OTHER important news.

Sincerely, Rhea Fried and family





Memorial Lights Week of July 5 th 27 Tammuz- 4 Av	Harry Barshay, Edith Basecu, Stanley Biesky, Eli Ditchek, Meredith Jaffe, Abraham Mautner, Rose Schwartz, Jacob Zamzok, Harris P. Bernstein, Nathan Domash, Mina Grossman, Corporal Alfred Kahn, Philip Perlman, Irving B. Weisenfeld, Boruh Leontievich Briskin, Charles Ackcrman, David Ray, Sarah Weisberger, Bertha Gottesfeld, Mair Bierfass, Harold Lester, Joseph Tonkonogy, Dr. Michael Nathan Herschaft, Belle Keller, Harry Schwartz, Paula Yassky, Barnett Broadwin, Carl Kaimowitz, Mary Reyer, Albert Stillman, Louis Soss, Jesse Sinna, Abraham Klein, Sydney Davis, Evelyn Peller Green, Hannah Metric
Memorial Lights Week of July 12 th 5 Av – 11 Av	Anna Friedman, Bernice Gandler, Minna B.Milstein, Louis Danziger,Estelle Horowitz, Herman Milstein, Harry Rebell, Joseph Feit,Chaye Rachel Liebman, Shmulik Mittelman, Hyam Isaar Cohen, Diana Muller, Philip Newman, Pauline Rosenblum, Joseph Spector,Morton Wernick, Jack Mittelman, Moses Levine, Sophie Auster
Memorial Lights Week of July 19 th 12 Av – 18 Av	Israel Balish, Rose Conn, Rose Goodman, Sophie Heinemann, Irena Levy, Stuart Lidsky, Sadie Sinowitz, Harry and Regina Fink, Truma Egelko, Hyman Fine, Albert Heinemann, Celia Litwak, Rose Socolof, Aaron Sussman, Sadie Linet, Abraham S.Bremer, Eva Cohen, Louis sosman, Martin Vogel, Lyla Wiener, Sara Sardar, Richard Gelbert, Anna S.Katzman, Philip Lehrer, Simon Siegal, Abraham Loeb Zolla, Abraham Horowitz, Nathan Baxt, Benjamin Greenberg, Rose Romanoff, Max Strahl, Nathan Triefler
Memorial Lights Week of July 26 th 19 Av –25 Av	Elizabeth Grossman, Bess Zlates Weinstein, Paul Levine, Harry Lieber, Kay Lipson, Mollie Schwartz, Paul Schreiber, Jean Freedenberg, Morris Thomas Rothstein, Beatrice sakowitz, Beth Schwartzwald-Pearl, Bernard Christenfeld,Hyman Domash, Edna Lerner, Isidore Miller, Yizchok Zelig Wiener, Benjamin Zeichner, David Garber, Dr. Benjamin Brisman, Malverna Dubowsky, Beulah Klinger, Max Farkash
Memorial Lights Week of August 2 nd 26 Av –2 Elul	Sophia Fries, Aaron Brodsky, Philip Herman, Anna Katz, Ann Loberfeld, Hattie Cohen, Gussie Goldenberg, Jack David Goldsmith, Melvin Stolack, Leonard H.Clare, Benjamin Leibowitz, Dr. Israel Denner, Vikenti Lezhansky, Nathan Charles Price, Selma Barshay,Rose Eichler, Charles A.Meltzer, Miriam Boruh Blekher

Memorial Lights Week of August 9 th 3 Elul- 9 Elul	Helen Axtmayer, Florence Sobel, N. Abram D. Milstein, Aaron Gallens, Minnie Lipschutz, Marley Wiener, Ethel Jaffe, Jacob Strisik, Basha Freema Tonkonogy, Oscar Golniker, Isaac Goldstein, Harry Scharff, Jacob Puchall, Betty Aronofsky, William Diamond, William Lowell M.D. Kahan, Irving M Kramer, Fannie Sobel, Samuel Welger, Ann Rapoport, David Singer, Louis Cohen
Memorial Lights Week of August 16 th 10 Elul- 16 Elul	Sheldon R. Albert, Alta Diamond, Bernard Horowitz, Bernard Howard, Murray Mark, Bernard J. Posner, Jennie Cooper, Gerald Singer, Martin Jacobs, Michael P. Levy, Fanya Marshtein, David Pollinger, Lillian Hoffman, Tonia Sabul, David Glickman, Raymond Fox, Murray A. Goodman, Hyman Edelman, Carles Aaron Hirsch, Harry M. Ruck, Anna Appelbaum, Milton Robinson, Dr. Arnold L. Bremer, Jeanne Howard, Morris Schwartz, Dr. Alfred A. Woltag, Henry Millman, Grossman Epstein, Ida Levin, Amelia Springer, Frieda Winston, Frances Gellin
Memorial Lights Week of August 23 rd 17 Elul- 23 Elul	Leonard Sobel, Tillie Freedman, Harry Rabinowitz, David Eichler, Anna Jacobs, Peachy Ditchek, Dr. Samuel Federman, Solomon Fox, David Fries, Rose Gluck, Shaloma Zalman Kurash, Blanche Lubowitz, Irving Horowitz, Nettie Friend, David George Levine, Gertrude Ornston, Blanche Ray, Sol Wall, Max Appelbaum, Bertha Gilbert, Rose Hirsch
Memorial Lights Week of August 30 ^h 24 Elul- 1 Tishrei	Ira Hirsch, Rae Bremer, Milton I. Nova, Meyer L. Shapiro, Murray Altman, Judith Eisenberg, Daniel Gold, Miriam (Sweeney) Helfgott, Pauline Kassover, Khaya Golda Koval, Louis Lafer, Sally Karlin, Irving Michael Green, Herbert Werth, Harry Appelbaum, Daisy Moss, Anchel Schaffel, Nathan Schulman, Oscar Solow, Milton Wist

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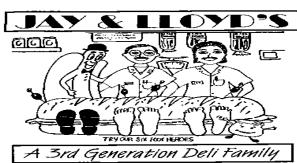
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