LED Calendar

Tisha B'Av

5771 Jewish Art Calendar 2010-11
Av 9 Tisha B'Av

Saddest day in the Jewish calendar.
Commemorated as a 25-hour fast from sunset of the previous evening.

Anniversary of the Divine decree that the Jewish People remain in the desert for 40 years until that generation died out, after they cried over the 12 spies' false report of the land.

Brim note: Should be 10 spies' false report. Caleb and Joshua gave good reports.

Anniversary of the destruction (by Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar) of the First Temple, and (by Romans under Titus) of the Second Temple (70CE).

In 1492, Av 9 was the last day by which all Jews who would not be baptized had to leave Spain. Over 300,000 chose to leave, suffering terrible privations till they found stable new places of abode. Many never made it—victims of pirates, unscrupulous ship-captains, robbers and starvation. Of those who succumbed and converted in order to remain in Spain, most secretly retained their Jewish identity for generations. They were known as Marranos. But many were caught by the Inquisition's watchful eye, and burnt at the stake.

World War I began on Av 9. It uprooted large Jewish populations and threw most Jewish communities into chaos. It brought in its wake the Russian Revolution which systematically crushed Judaism, the Cossack massacres of Jews throughout the Ukraine (1918-1921) and the conditions which gave rise to Nazism and the Holocaust.

Columbus set sail
Destination Yisrael (Source)

Officially Columbus left Spain on Friday, August 3, 1492. This was the day of infamy when the temples of Solomon and Herod were both destroyed by Kings Nebuchadnezzar, and the Roman Emperor Vespasian.

This was documented in the Jewish Virtual Library article titled, "Judaic Treasures of the Library of Congress: Columbus sets Sail" in which Columbus writes in his "Journal of the First Voyage" these words:

Christopher Columbus – "So after having expelled the Jews from your dominions, Your
Highnesses, in the same month of January, ordered me to proceed with sufficient armament to the said region of India.

It is interesting that while the order to all the provinces of Spain that the Jewish people were to be expelled from the Nation of Spain was officially declared on March 31, 1492 by the signatures of the King and Queen along with the signature of Juan de Coloma, the secretary of the King and Queen, this expulsion decree was already known to Christopher Columbus in January of that same year. This expulsion was extensive, and complete in its totality. The Alhambra Decree ordered by King Ferdinand I in 1492, reads as follows:

The Alhambra Decree – “Therefore, with the council and advice of the eminent men and cavaliers of our reign, and of other persons of knowledge and conscience of our Supreme Council, after much deliberation, it is agreed and resolved that all Jews and Jewesses be ordered to leave our kingdoms, and that they never be allowed to return.

And we further order in this edict that all Jews and Jewesses of whatever age that reside in our domain and territories that they leave with their sons and daughters, their servants and relatives, large and small, of whatever age, by the end of July of this year, and that they dare not return to our lands, not so much as to take a step on them not trespass upon them in any other manner whatsoever.

Any Jew who does not comply with this edict and is to be found in our kingdom and domains, or who returns to the kingdom in any manner, will incur punishment by death and confiscation of all their belongings.

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Events Occurring on Tisha B'Av

- Jacob confronted by Esau on return to Canaan
- 1312 BC The spies return from spying out the land for 40 days. 10 give an evil report; the people believe them, and despair. They are then forbidden by God to enter in because of unbelief. (Numbers14)
- 421 BC The First Temple is destroyed by the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar, with about 100,000 Jews killed during invasion. The remaining tribes in the southern kingdom are exiled to Babylon and Persia.
- 70 AD The Second Temple is destroyed by the Romans under Titus. Over 2,500,000 Jews die from war, disease or famine. Over 1,000,000 Jews exiled, and over 100,000 Jews are sold as slaves.
- 71 The Roman army ploughs Jerusalem, including Temple Mount, with salt.
- 132 The Bar Kochba revolt defeated at Betar; over 500,000 Jews slaughtered.
- 133 Rufus ploughs under the Temple site, and the Romans build the city of Aelia Capitolina over the site of Jerusalem. Access forbidden to Jews.
- 1095 The first Crusade is declared by Pope Urban II; 10,000 jews are killed in the first month.
- 1290 King Edward I orders the expulsion of all Jews from England. (They did not regain the right to settle there again until 1657.)
• 1492 The Spanish Inquisition...Ferdinand and Isabella expel all Jews from Spain and Portugal. Christopher Columbus, who was of Jewish descent, leaves to ‘discover’ America this day.
• 1914 Britain and Russia declare war on Germany as World War I begins. Russia begins mobilization of its army this day. Local government officials begin triggering persecutions and attacks against Jews throughout Russia. Over 400 pogroms followed the war in Hungary, Ukraine, Poland and Russia. [Brin note: See Fiddler on the Roof] German resentment from the war set the stage for the Holocaust.
• 1942 Deportations of Jews from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka concentration camp begin.
• 1989 Iraq walks out of talks with Kuwait.
• 1990 Gulf war begins, with Saddam Hussein going to war against Kuwait; in the months that followed, he proceeded to shoot (scud) missiles into Israel as well.

Note 1: Some dates vary by a few years depending on source.

The Fasts of Mourning are prophesied to be turned into Cheerful Feasts

Zech. 8:18 ¶ Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,
Zech. 8:19 “Thus says the LORD of hosts, ‘The fast of the fourth, the fast of the fifth
(Tisha B’Av), the fast of the seventh and the fast of the tenth months will become joy,
gladness, and cheerful feasts (moedim tovim) for the house of Judah;

See pages 248 and 249. Zechariah by David Baron

“...the fast of the fifth month (the blackest day of all in the Jewish calendar)
commemorates the destruction of both the city and the Temple, and many other
calamities which, according to Jewish tradition, happened on this same day...All
these days are still observed as fasts by the Jewish nation in all parts of the
earth...But the long night of weeping is to be followed by a morning of joy, when
Jehovah shall accomplish the “good” which He has purposed and promised to Israel
and Jerusalem (vers. 14, 15), and then the former troubles and calamities shall be
“forgotten” (Isa. 65:16), and the very days which commemorate them shall be
turned into “joy and gladness” and moedim tovim cheerful feasts (good moeds)

CUFI Summit in Washington DC 2010 July

John Hagee’s summary:

From the moment we began the Daughter’s for Zion prayer meeting we could sense the presence of God at the Fifth Annual Christians United for Israel Summit in Washington D.C. like never
before. Scripture after scripture was fulfilled by the over 4,500 attendees from every state in the union. During prayer we could hear the rain shower down on the convention center and I turned to Diana and said, “It is the sign of the blessing!” Over 1,500 people joined us in prayer and worship which fulfilled Psalm 122:6,

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem...

Following prayer we were invited by Rabbi Scheinberg and several other Orthodox rabbis to join them in observing Tisha B’Av, which is a set time of mourning over the destruction of the temples in Jerusalem. Nearly 1,000 Christians and Jews, including the State of Israel’s Ambassador to the United States, Michael Oren, sat on the floor and were led in the reading of the book of Lamentations. This event was a first in the history of Christianity! It was a moment of divine unity! We could sense God’s blessing even more as Psalm 133 became a reality,

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity...For there the LORD commanded the blessing--life forever.

Brim Note: I was part of this momentous time. Some Jews present commented that this could be the beginning of the fulfilling of the turning of this fast into a moed of good.