

What is Tisha B'Av, you may ask?

Tisha B'Av or, literally, the 9th day of the month of Av (Jul. 21-22), is the saddest day on the Jewish calendar, on which people fast and pray. It marks the destruction of the both Temples in Jerusalem. The First Temple was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 BCE and the Second Temple fell to the Romans in 70 CE. Later on in our history, many more tragedies happened on this day, including the 1290 expulsion of England's Jews and the 1492 banishment of all Jews from Spain. This is a solemn day and it is commemorated with a special evening service that includes beautifully haunting chanting of The Book of Lamentations, Megillat Eicha. Let us come together as one and commemorate Tisha B'Av with the other two congregations of Summit.