## **Fast Days**

Tzom Gedalyah, Asarah B'Tevet, Ta'anit Esther, Shivah Asar B'Tammuz

**Shaharit:** Exodus 32:11 - 14, 34:1 - 10. Three *aliyyot*: 32:11 - 14; 34:1 - 3; 34:4 - 10.

Minhah: Exodus 32:11 - 14, 34:1 - 10. (The Torah reading is the same as at Shaharit.)

Three aliyyot: 32:11 - 14; 34:1 - 3; 34:4 - 10. The person receiving the third aliyyah is Maftir.

Haftarah: Isaiah 55:6 - 56:8.

## The Three Weeks

In the three weeks preceeding *Tisha B'Av* a special *Haftarah* is read each *Shabbat*. Additionally, if *Shivah Asar B'Tammuz*, and hence *Tisha B'Av* itself, occur on *Shabbat* (in which case their observance, i.e. the fast, is postponed until Sunday) there is a special *Haftarah* on that day as well.

Shivah Asar B'Tammuz occuring on Shabbat Haftarah: I Kings 18:46 - 19:21

First Shabbat (after Shivah Asar B'Tammuz)

Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3

Second Shabbat (after Shivah Asar B'Tammuz) Haftarah: Jeremiah 2:4 - 28; 3:4; 4:1 - 2

NOTE: This special *Haftarah* is generally recited even if this *Shabbat* is also *Rosh <u>H</u>odesh Av*; however, it is customary to recite the first and last verse of the *Haftarah* for *Rosh <u>H</u>odesh*, Isaiah 66:1 and 23, after the special *Haftarah* as as a reminder of the special status of the day. There are others, however, who recite the *Haftarah* for *Rosh <u>H</u>odesh*, which, by reason of its theme, they deem appropriate as one of the three *Haftarot* of rebuke read before *Tisha B'Av*.

Shabbat <u>H</u>azon Third Shabbat (after Shivah Asar B'Tammuz ) Haftarah: Isaiah 1:1 - 27.