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Camp Ramah in New England

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Our God and God of Our Ancestors, on this evening we gather to observe Tisha B'av, the saddest day in the history of the Jewish people. With deep sorrow we recall the glory that belonged to Zion. Though our people, homeless for centuries, have wandered from land to land, their love for Zion and Jerusalem has remained ever fresh in their hearts.

We are grateful O Lord, that ours has been the privilege of witnessing the restoration of Zion and the return of our people to their ancient land. As we thank You for this miracle, we pay tribute to all those brave men and women who have given their lives that Israel may be reborn.

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As we mourn the destruction of our Holy City, Jerusalem and its Temple two thousand years ago, we also mourn all who have died, throughout our history, for the sanctification of Your name. We vow never to forget them.

May it be Your Will, O God, that Jerusalem, the land of Israel and the people of Israel receive your blessing of peace. May we dare to hope that one day the whole world will be at peace. Amen.

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אֵיבֶּה – פרק א
א אֵיבָה | יָשְׁבָּה בָּדָּד הָעִיל רַבְּתִּי עָם הָיְתָּה כְּאַלְמֶנֶה רַבְּתִּי בַּגּוֹיִם שָׂלָתִּי בַּמְּדִינֹוֹת
הְיְתָה לָמֵס: בּ בָּכֹּוֹ תִבְּכָּה בַּכַּיִילָה תִּמְעָתָהּ עָל לֶחֵיָה אֵין־לָהּ מְנִחֶם
מְכָּל־אֹהֲבְיָהָ כָּל־רֵעֶׁיהָ בְּגִּיִים לָא מְצְאָה מָנִחֹם כָּל־רֹדְפָיהָ הִשִּׂיגִוּהָ בְּּיוֹ הַמְּצִרִים:
ד דַּרְבֵּי צִיּוֹן אֲבֵלוֹת מִבְּלִי בָּאֵי מוֹעֵד כָּל־שְׁעָרֶיהָ שׁוֹמֵמִין כּהֲנִיהָ נָאֲנָחִים בְּתוּלתִיהָ
נּוּגְּוֹת וְהָיִא מַר־לָהּ: ה הָיוּ צָרָיהָ לְרֹאשׁ אִיְבֵּיהָ שָׁלוּ כִּי־יְהֹוֶה הוֹגָהּ עֵל
רברפִּשַׁעִיהַ עוֹלֵלֶיהַ הַלְּכִוּ שִׁבִי לִפְּנִי־צָר:

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It is 586 B.C.E....more than two thousand, five hundred years ago. The Babylonian armies have sacked Jerusalem, destroying the Temple of Solomon and carrying the Jewish people into exile...And the date is Tisha B'av

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It is 70 C.E....just after the turn of the millenium. The Roman legions under the emperor Titus have crushed the Jewish revolt in Israel, leveled Jerusalem, burned the Second Temple, murdered thousands of Jews in the streets and carried off many others into exile and slavery...And the date is Tisha B'av

It is 135 C.E....The Jews muster their last forces behind the mighty Bar Kochba, and yet the fortress of Beitar falls to the Romans, thus crushing the hope of Jews living autonomously in Israel for almost two thousand more years.....And the date is .Tisha B'av

אַיכֶּה - פרק ב

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א אֵיכָה ゚יָעִיב בְּאַפָּוֹ | אֲדֹנָי אֶת־בַּת־צִּיּוֹן הָשְׁלַיִךְ מִשְׁמַׂיִם ׁ אֶׁרֶץ תִפְּאֶרֶת יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלֹא־זָכֵר הַדֹם־רַגְּלָיו בְּיִוֹם אַפּוֹ: בּ בִּלֵּע אֲדֹנִי לָא [וְלָּא] חָמֵל אֶת כָּל־נְאָוֹת ג גִּדְע בָּחָרִי־אַׁף כָּל קָרֶן יִשְׂרָאֵל הֵשְּׁיב אֶחֶוֹר יְמִינֵוֹ מִפְּנֵי אוֹיֵב וַיִּבְעַר בְּיִעֲקֹב כְּאֲשׁ לֶהָבָּה אָכְלָה סָבִיב: ד דָּדַּרָ קַשְּׁתוֹ כְּאוֹיֵב וְצֶב יְמִינוֹ כְּצְּר וַיִּהְרֹג כָּל מַחְמַדִּי־עֵין בְּאֹהֶל בַּת־צִיּוֹן שָׁפָּךְ כָּאָשׁ חָמָתוֹ: ה הָיִה אֲדָנִי | כְּאוֹיֵב בִּלֶּע יִשְׂרָאֵל בִּלַע בָּל־אַרְמְנוֹתֶּיִהָ שִׁחָת מִבְצְצְיוֹ וַיֶּיָב בְּבִת־יִהחּדָּה תַאֲנָיָה וַאֲנִיָּה:

It is 1096...The first Crusade has brought untold numbers of Jews to be hunted, killed, and persecuted in the name of God. Throughout Europe these Crusades brought disaster and calamity to the Jewish people...And the date is Tisha B'av.

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bush

It is 1242...24 cartloads of Talmudic volumes are burnt by church officials in France...And the date is Tisha B'av

It is the Middle Ages....Throughout these years the Jews are blamed for unspeakable atrocities and are kicked out of England, France, Spain, and Italy....and the date is Tisha B'av

It is 1348...The Black Plague has brought mob violence to Jewish homes throughout Europe as the Jews are blamed for spreading the plague...and the date is Tisha B'av

אֶיכָה - פרק ג

ֿא אַנַי הַגַּבֵר רָאָה עֻנִּי בִּשֶּׁבֶט עֶבְרָתוֹ: ב אוֹתִי נָהָג וַיֹּלֶךְ חִשֶּׁךְ וְלֹא־אוֹר: ג אַךְ בִּי ָיָשֶׁב ַיִּהְפְּרָ יָדָוֹ בָּל־הַיּוֹם: דֹ בִּלֶּה בְשָׁרָי וְעוֹלִי שִׁבֶּר עַצְמוֹתִי: ה בָּנָה עָלֶי וַיִּקֶּף ָרָאשׁ וּתְלָאָה: ו בְּמַחֲשַׁכִּיִם הוֹשִׁיבָנִי כְּמֵתְי עוֹלָם: וֹ גָּדָר בַּעֲדִי וְלָא אֶצֶא הִכְבָּיד ָבְׁחָשְׁתִי: ֹח גָּם כַּי אֶׁזְעַלְּ וַאֲשַׁוֹּעַ שָּׁתָם תְפִּלָּתִי: ט גָּדָר דְּרָכַי בְּגָּזִית נְתִיבֹתָי עִוּה: י דֹב אֹרָב הוּא לִּי אֲלִיה [אֲלָי] בְּמִסְתָרִים: יא דְּרָכֵי סוֹרֶר וַיְפַשְּׁחָנִי שָׁמָנִי שֹׁמֵם: יב דַרַך קשתוֹ וַיּצִיבֶּנִי כַּמֲטַרָא לַחֵץ:

It is 1480...The Inquisition seeks out Jews simply for being Jewish. It forcefully demands their conversion. The prince for refusal is burning at the stake...And the date is Tisha B'av

It is 1882...The same Russian government that claimed to protect our ancestors, instigated the pogroms that took place throughout Russia...And the date is Tisha B'av

It is 1945...One third of the Jewish people have been slaughtered in German Death factories...And the date is Tisha B'av

אַיכָה - פרק ד א אַיכָה יוַעֲם זָהֶב יִשְׁנָא הַכַּתֶם הַאָּוֹב תִשְׁתַבַּּכְנָה אַבְנֵי־לְּדֶשׁ בְּרָאשׁ כַּל־חוּצוֹת: ָב בְּנֻי צִיוֹן בִּיִקְלְיִם הַמְּסֻלָּאָים בַּפֵּז אֵיכָה נֶחְשְׁבוּ לְנִבְלֵי־חֶׁרֶשׁ מַּעֲשָׂה יְדָי יוֹצֵר: ג גַּם־תַנִין [תַנִים] חַלְצוּ שַׁד הֵינְיקוּ גּוּרֵיהָן בַּת־עַמִּי לְאַכְזֹר כַּיְ עַנִּים [בַּיעַנִים] ַבַּמִּדְבָּר: דַ דָּבַּק לְשָׁוֹן יוֹנֶק אֶל־חָכָּוֹ בַּצְּמֵא עוֹלָלִים שַּׁאֲלוֹ לֶּחֶם פֹּרֶשׁ אָין לֶהֶם: ה הַאַּכְלִים לִמְעַדְנִּים נַשְּׁמוּ בַּחוּצְוֹת הָאֵמֶנִים עֲלֵי תוֹלֶע חִבְּקוּ אַשְׁפַּתוֹת:

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You, O God, are enthroned forever, Your throne endures for all generations.
Why do You forget us eternally & why abandon us while the end of time?
Bring us back to You, O God, and we will return. Renew our
days as of old.

peace that had been negotiated for 7 long years, is married by death and violence the second Entifada begins and our faith is tested as we wonder where the solution to this violence lies. And the date is Fisha B'av)

אֵיכֶּה – פרק ה

ָהַשִּׁיבֵּנוּ יְהָוָה | אֵלֶּידָ וְנָשֹׁוּבָ [וְנָשֹׁוּבָה] חַדְּשׁ יָמֶינוּ כְּקֶדֶם:

Emis 20052. The violence on both eides has not about ed 2 We still read about regular pombings. Now Israel faces difficult internal strife over a tiny strip of land called Gaza. There is must unreston all sides, and everyone fears that they will lose their warreland. And the date is Tishe Bay.

Al na-ha-rot (3x) Bavel Sham Yashavnu gam ba chi-nu B'zoch-rei nu (3x) et Tziyon עַל נהַרוֹת בָּבֶל שָׁם יִשִׁבְנוּ גַם בָּכִינוּ בְּזָכְרֵיצוּ אֶת צִיוֹץ

By the waters, the waters of Babylon
We lay down and wept, and wept, for thee Zion
We remember thee, remember thee, remember thee Zion
(psalm 137)

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We are a people in mourning but not in despair; overcome with grief but devoid of self-pity; lamenting disaster, recollecting sins, self-impeaching. Mourning is repentance. We are a people in a mourning that calls for mending.

Rosl

Such deep sorrow is cleansing. It is a non-deliberate way of expanding compassion, of understanding the non-finality of current history. Lamentation leaves behind an echo in all our laughing. Yet that deep sorrow is also experienced as a prelude to redemption.

- Abraham Joshua Heschel

אלי ציון

אלי ציון ועריה. כמו אשה בצירה וכבתולה חנרת שק על בעל נעוריה

עלי ארמון אשר נטש באשמת צאן עדריה ועל ביאת מחרפי אל בתוך מקדש חדריה: (אלי ציון) עלי גלות משרתי אל. מנעימי שיר זמריה ועל דמם אשר שפך. כמו מימי יאוריה: (אלי ציון)

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Chorus

Wail, O Zion, with your cities, like a woman in travail. Like a maiden girl in sackcloth for the husband of her youth

N For God's palace, now forsaken through the sin of Zion's flocks

- ☐ For the entrance of blasphemers trampling in her sacred halls
- λ For the exile of God's servants, sweet singers of her melodies
- T And for their blood that poured forth like the waters in her streams