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Shabbat Times



Friday, July 28	
Mincha/Maariv:	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting:	7:58 PM
Shabbat, July 29	
Shacharit:	8:45 AM
Kriyat Shema:	9:26 AM
Mincha / Shalosh Seudot:	7:50 PM
Shkiya:	8:15 PM
Maariv:	8:57 PM
Shabbat Ends:	9:02 PM
Next Friday, August 4	
Mincha/Maariv:	7:15 PM
Candle Lighting:	7:51 PM

Rabbi Halpert's Availability

Rabbi Yehuda Halpert will be here on: 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/26.
He can be reached via email at RabbiYehudaHalpert@gmail.com, or phone in the evenings at 201-836-3828. In the event of an emergency, Rabbi Halpert can also be reached at 212-909-6951.

Yeshivat Noam Youth Groups

Groups for children ages 2-4 are located in the room across the Shul from 9:30am - 10:45am. Morah Yael will supervise. Toys and books will be provided by Yeshivat Noam. We ask parents to please send your child with a snack. Signup is on the website.

Welcoming Committee

If you or anyone you know has moved in recently, let us know! Check out ahavatshalomteaneck.com/movingin for more information.



Welcome to
Ahavat Shalom!

Households: 102
(Adults: 199, Kids: 59)

President: Jason Shor **Vice Presidents:** Jason Bloom | Alex Daith | Moty Raven **Secretary:** Liron Gamzeh **Treasurer:** Jason Felder

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This Shabbat is known as "Shabbat Chazon" after the beginning of the Haftarah, "Chazon Yeshayahu ben Amotz," the "Vision of Yeshayahu, the son of Amotz." The haftarah is read to the same haunting melody as is "Megilat Eichah," and it describes the break down of the relationship between bnei yisrael and hakadosh-baruch-hu. Shabbat Chazon begins the period known as "shavua shechal bo" the week during which tisha b'av falls and as such the prohibitions of the nine days continue.

In addition to the prohibitions of the three weeks, we continue to refrain from drinking wine and eating meat (including chicken and turkey), laundering clothing (this includes bringing clothing to a dry cleaner/laundry during the nine days, even if the clothing will be returned after Tish'a B'Av), bathing for pleasure, purchasing new clothing and wearing new or freshly-ironed clothing. An infant's clothing may be washed, if necessary. Concerning havdala wine, customs vary. Some will make havdala on beer while others will give the wine to a child (of understanding age) to drink. If one does not have an established custom and no child is present, an adult may drink the wine.

This Monday night ushers in Tish'a B'Av, the saddest and most tragic day of the year. It is a day of fasting and mourning which commemorates five catastrophes in Jewish history (Taanit 26b):

1. It was decreed by G-d that our ancestors who came out of Egypt should not enter the land of Israel but should wander for forty years in the wilderness.
2. The first Beit Ha'Mikdash was burned to the ground.
3. The second Beit Ha'Mikdash was destroyed.
4. The fortress of Betar, the last stronghold of Bar Kochva in his rebellion against the Romans, was destroyed.
5. The city of Jerusalem was ploughed up and completely leveled by Hadrian, Emperor of Rome.

On Tish'a B'Av the following prohibitions are in practice:

Fasting - We refrain from eating and drinking for the 25 hour period beginning sundown Monday night (8:12 PM) until nightfall Tuesday night (8:55). Anyone who is pregnant or sick should contact me to discuss fasting as in certain situations fasting may not be required.

Shoes - No leather footwear is worn, including leather sneakers.

Washing - No bathing for pleasure. Wash (until the knuckles of the hand) only upon arising, to remove dirt, or after taking care of bodily needs or after taking care of a baby or young child's bodily needs.

Marital Relations - are prohibited on throughout the fast day.

Studying Torah - Torah study gladdens the heart and is therefore prohibited, save for such books as Eicha, Kinot, Iyov, selections from Yermiyahu that deal with catastrophe and parts of the Gemara that deal with the destruction of the Temple or the laws of mourning (e.g., Moed Katan 14a-18a, 19a-29a; Sanhedrin 104a-b; Gittin 55b-58a).

Work - One should not engage in any business affairs at least all evening and all morning of the fast day. After chatzot on Tisha B'Av, if it is necessary, one is permitted to engage in business affairs.

Sitting - It is customary to sit only on a low stools until chatzot of Tisha B'Av.

Greetings - We, as mourners, do not greet one another in our customary manner on this tragic day. If someone does greet you one should respond in a minimalistic fashion.

Minimized Comfort - It is customary to deprive oneself of some comfort when going to sleep (e.g., fewer pillows).

Tefillah and Minhagei Beit Knesset on Tish'a B'av:

Monday night in shul, as a sign of mourning, only those lights that are necessary for reading are lit. The parochet for the Aron Kodesh and the decorative cover for the bimah are removed. Following maariv we sit on the floor or on low benches for the reading of Eicha. After Eicha several kinot are recited. Tuesday morning because the talit and tefilin are called religious "adornments" and are symbols of beauty, neither is worn at Shacharit on Tisha B'Av. A special selection is read from the Torah and the prophets during Shacharit and a larger selection of kinot are recited in the morning, following Shacharit. After chatzot several of the mourning practices are relaxed. The ark and bimah covers are replaced and we once again sit on regular chairs. Talit and tefilin are worn for mincha. At this time the Shema is recited in full since in it the laws of tefilin are mentioned. In the shemoneh esrei two special paragraphs are recited: Aneinu, as on every fast day, and Nacheim, which is unique to Tisha B'Av.

The Day After Tisha B'Av

Although the fast of Tisha B'Av ends at nightfall, since according to historical tradition the Beit Ha'Mikdash burned all through the night and most of the day of the tenth of Av ordinarily one should not eat meat, drink wine, bathe for pleasure, shave, take a haircut, launder, listen to music or recite a shehecheyanu blessing until mid-day of the next day.

May we each take this opportunity to reflect on our relationship with each other and with hakadosh baruch hu and pray that we will be able to fulfill the maxim -- **כל המתאבל על ירושלים זוכה ורואה** Who ever mourns over Jerusalem merits to see its consolation.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Halpert