

A Practical Guide to Proper Observance of Tisha B'Av

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When Tisha B'Av Falls On Shabbos

- 1) When the 9th of Av falls on Shabbos (as it does this year on August 10th), the fast is pushed off until Sunday^א (August 11th).
- 2) On this Shabbos one should eat and drink as usual, including meat and wine and other delicacies^ב.
- 3) The fast begins at sunset^ג (7:19 pm). One must be careful to finish eating the third Shabbos meal before then^ד.
- 4) Where three or more people are eating together, a zimmun is made at every meal like every other Shabbos^ה.
- 5) A Jew must always learn Torah whenever he is able^ו. This Shabbos is no exception. However, after midday it is preferable for one to only learn those sad areas of Torah that are permitted to be learned on Tisha B'Av. Examples of these are: The books of Eicha and Iyov^ז and the third chapter of tractate Moed Katan^ח.
- 6) If one feels that he will learn better if he learns something else he is encouraged to do so^ט.
- 7) Av HaRachamim (ArtScroll siddur page 454) is said this Shabbos^י and Tzidkascha (page 524) is not^{יא}.

Note: This column is not comprehensive; please consult your Rav for more details.

^א שו"ע או"ח סימן תקנ"ג.
^ב שו"ע תקנ"ב ס"י ומ"ב ס"ק כג'.
^ג שו"ע תקנ"ג ס"ב ומ"ב ס"ק ג'.
^ד רמ"א תקנ"ב ס"י ומ"ב ס"ק כד', ושעה"צ ס"ק כב'.
^ה מ"ב שם ס"ק כג'.
^ו עי' שו"ע יו"ד רמ"ו ס"א.
^ז שו"ע או"ח תקנ"ד ס"א.
^ח שם ס"ב.
^ט רמ"א תקנ"ג ס"ב, מ"ב ס"ק ח' ט' וי', וביה"ל ד"ה ולכן.
^י מ"ב תקנ"ב ס"ק ל'.
^{יא} שו"ע תקנ"ט ס"א ורמ"א בסימן תקנ"ב ס"יב.