

RE: Community Invited to Observe Tisha B'AV on July 21

The community will come together, Saturday, July 21, at Congregation Beth Shalom, 14200 Lamar Avenue, Overland Park to observe Tisha B'Av. This is the one holiday on the Jewish calendar when we recall all the tragedies that have befallen the Jewish people. This is a period of fasting, learning, reflection, prayer and lamentation as we mourn our past and remember the destruction of the First and Second Temples of Jerusalem and other major disasters and tragedies that Jewish people have experienced throughout history.

The evening begins Saturday, July 21 at 9:45 p.m. with a Tisha B'Av MA'ARIV service and will be followed by a D'var Torah and reading of *Eicha* (the Book of Lamentations). This is a meaningful and interactive service that will include beautiful and mournful melodies and some engaging teaching. This is a time for communal reflection on both painful times of our past and hope for our future as we strive to find ways to commit acts of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world). The fast will end at 9:25 PM July 22, Sunday evening. This observance is sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City.

Participating in this observance is Rabbi Doug Alpert, David Glickman, Rabbi Beryl Padorr, Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick, Rabbi Scott White and Hazzan Tahl Ben-Yehuda.

To indicate your attendance or for further information, register online at kcrabbis.org or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, afprogram@aol.com, 913-327-4622.

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