



THE TRIBE SCRIBE

DEVARIM - TISHA B'AV: BEIT HAMIKDASH HIGHLIGHTS!



TOMORROW IS **TISHA B'AV** WHEN WE MOURN THE LOSS OF THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH** - THE HOLY TEMPLE IN **JERUSALEM**. WE PRAY AND HOPE THAT THE THIRD **BEIT HAMIKDASH** WILL BE REBUILT VERY SOON!

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH** WAS THE FOCUS OF SO MANY DIFFERENT PARTS OF JEWISH LIFE? CHECK OUT OUR **BEIT HAMIKDASH** HIGHLIGHTS!



Three times a year, **Pesach**, **Shavuot** and **Succot** the Jewish people would travel to the **Beit Hamikdash** from wherever they lived. People would also come to acknowledge personal events in their lives, such as the birth of a child or being saved from danger.



The **Beit Hamikdash** was a feast for the senses, built with the most beautiful and precious materials; gold, silver, precious stones, stunning fabrics and more! It contained the golden **Menorah**, **Mizbeach**, **Shulchan**, **Aron** and other special objects. It spread light and beauty to the whole world.



The **Sanhedrin** - Supreme High Court was housed in the **Beit Hamikdash**. The **Sanhedrin** was the heart of both Jewish Law and Jewish teaching, as many people came to study from the great Rabbis in the **Sanhedrin**. It was the **Torah** centre of the world!

The **Beit Hamikdash** could miraculously accommodate the huge number of people who came for special occasions. No matter how many people - there would always be space!



The innermost chamber of the **Beit Hamikdash** was the **Kodesh Kodashim** - the holy of holies. It was so holy that only the **Kohen Gadol** ever entered and even then, only on the holiest day of the year - **Yom Kippur**. The **Aron** was inside the **Kodesh Kodashim**.



THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH** WAS THE ADDRESS FOR MONUMENTAL EVENTS IN THE JEWISH CALENDAR:
- HOLIEST DAY OF THE YEAR - **YOM KIPPUR** AT THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH**.
- BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR - **SIMCHAT BEIT HASHOEVA** CELEBRATION ON **SUCCOT** TOOK PLACE IN THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH**.



FARMERS AND THEIR FAMILIES WOULD COME TO THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH** FOR THE COLOURFUL **BIKKURIM** CEREMONY - BRINGING THEIR FIRST FRUITS.



DID YOU KNOW that the **Kotel** in **Jerusalem** is one of the retaining walls of the **Beit Hamikdash**? It is the closest to the Holiest of Holies. We are taught that even though the **Beit Hamikdash** was destroyed, God's presence never left the place.