



# THE TRIBE SCRIBE

TISHA B'AV: GOOD MEMORY!



THIS WEEK IS **TISHA B'AV** - THE FAST OF AV, THE SADDEST DAY IN THE JEWISH YEAR.

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF THE **BEIT HAMIKDASH** - TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM OVER 2000 YEARS AGO, TOGETHER WITH OTHER JEWISH TRAGEDIES.



The story is told of **Napoleon Bonaparte**, the great French leader, who decided to visit a synagogue whilst travelling through Europe.

To his surprise, the lights were dim and all the people were sitting on the floor, crying.



WHAT TERRIBLE THING HAS HAPPENED?

WE ARE IN MOURNING. OUR MAGNIFICENT TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM, OUR HOLIEST PLACE, HAS BEEN DESTROYED.

HOW COULD IT BE THAT I HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT SUCH A TERRIBLE EVENT? I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW THE TEMPLE EXISTED!



SIR, OUR TEMPLE WAS DESTROYED OVER 1800 YEARS AGO.

IF A NATION CAN STILL MOURN SO MANY YEARS LATER, FOR A TEMPLE THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN, THEN I AM SURE THEY WILL SOON SEE IT REBUILT!



MAY WE SEE NAPOLEON'S WORDS COME TRUE WITH A REBUILT JERUSALEM VERY SOON!



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