

Dvar Torah - Chamisha Asar B'Av

Chamisha Asar B'Av when spelled out is the numerical value of 'Kesivah V'Chasima Tovah'- May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year, which we say before Rosh Hashana/ Yom Kippur. This is the time to start the teshuva process that ends with Yom Kippur.

The Talmud says that there was never a Yom Tov for the Yidden as Chamisha Asar B'Av and Yom Kippur. In other words, Chamisha Asar B'Av is greater than Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot. It's the holiness of Yom Kippur but through joy. We know on Yom Kippur, the highest level of our soul, the Yechida, is revealed. On Tisha B'Av, Moshiach is born. On Chamisha Asar B'Av the moon shines fully. When the revelation of the Era of the Geula shining constantly the whole day (the level of Yechida).

Just like we know - we are like the moon and we will be renewed just like the moon, when Moshiach comes. We are supposed to celebrate with great joy on this day, gather and sing to inspire each other to grow in our bond to Hashem, making it real, making it complete, making it deep.

Chamisha Asar B'Av falls on Friday, the day that man was created, with everything prepared. On this day Adam called to all creations "let us bow down before Hashem". He brought the entire world to an acceptance of Hashem's kingship. Just like it will be in the Era of Geulah - Hashem completely revealed and king over us in a way that all will be acknowledge, see, feel, and live with.

Just like Adam was created after all was prepared for him on Friday, erev Shabbos; here as well, being Friday, erev Shabbos/ erev Geula, may we sit at the table of the Livyason and Shor Habor with the Third Beis HaMikdash, right here with us now!

Our Chachomim connected Chamisha Asar B'Av with an increase of Torah study. Being that the nights are getting longer and that is the reason why - they are getting longer. Rashi explains that from Chamisha Asar B'Av onwards, whoever adds nights to the days in Torah study, will have years added onto their life. Increasing means "Bechol Meodecha", with your entire being. Beyond your comfort zone, beyond what you used to and Hashem will reflect the same transcendence, beyond what we are used to. Thereby He will reveal the Torah Chadasha, the new dimensions of Torah which will be infinite and revealed in the Era of Geula. At that time, we will live forever!

Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai was told "with this text of yours, the P'nimius Hatora (inner dimension of the Torah) the Yidden will be redeemed from Golus with Rachamim.

May we gather in groups of ten and increase in our learning of the revealed and hidden parts of Torah. (Shechinah rests in groups of ten.) Specifically learning the laws of the Rambam on the topic of Moshiach, as by learning the parts of Torah on the topic of Moshiach, we manifest the reality we immerse in. May this be done with our heart and soul, until the Third Beis HaMikdash comes down from Shamayim and we are led by our righteous Moshiach, appointed by Hashem, to Eretz Yisrael.