



DAILY BOOST

9 MENACHEM AV

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MOSHIACH'S BIRTHDAY

Tisha B'Av, the 9th of Av, is a fast day when we mourn the destruction of the First and Second Temples, as well as other numerous tragedies that have occurred on the exact same date during exile.

On the 9th of Av, the Temple was destroyed. At that moment, Moshiach was born.

(Talmud Yerushalmi, Berachos 2:4; Eicha Rabba 1:51)

The Jerusalem Talmud relates that Moshiach was born on the day of the Temple's destruction. According to the Talmud, the baby would have been worthy of being Moshiach if the generation had merited. However, the Talmud is not just describing an event from the past. Spiritually, the 9th of Av marks the first time that the soul of Moshiach descended into a physical body. On each succeeding 9th of Av, additional levels of Moshiach's soul enter the world increasing the momentum for the Final Redemption.

A birthday is a time when a person's soul shines with extra strength. The birthday of Moshiach is a time when he and the Redemption are granted additional power. In this sense, the destruction of the 9th of Av is actually the first step in the process of rebuilding.

Sichos 11th and 12th Menachem Av, 5751

