

Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun
Phoenix's Ashes, Part II: Tu B'Av
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Five events on the 9 th of Av (Taanit 29a)	Five Events on 15 th of Av (Taanit 30b-31a)
1) Decree following the sin of the spies	a) The people dying for the Sin with the Spies stopped dying
2) Temple I destroyed	b) Hoshe'a ben Aylah destroyed the roadblocks which Yeravam ben Nevat had erected to keep people from ascending to the Temple
3) Temple II destroyed	c) After the Jews entered Israel, permission was granted for the 12 Tribes to marry each other or or Permission was granted for the tribe of Binyamin to marry other tribes, after the tragedy of The Concubine in Giv'ah
4) Beitar Destroyed	d) Permission was granted for the Jews to bury the dead of the Betar rebellion
5) Jerusalem plowed under	e) On the 15th of Av, they completed chopping wood for the Temple Altar