

# PHILOTORAH

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יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו וא'להינו שתשלח מהרה רפואה שלמה מן השמים, רפואת הנפש ורפואת הגוף לפצועי המלחמה, ולנפגעי מעשי טרור ואנטישמיות בישראל ובכל מקום שהם - עם שאר חולי ישראל. אמן.

**May HaShem protect our soldiers and the hostages; may He send Refu'ah Sh'leima to the many injured; may He console the bereaved families and all of Israel, may He end this war with success and peace for Medinat Yisrael and Klal Yisrael wherever they are.**



**YERUSHALAYIM** in/out times for Shabbat Parshat **EIKEV**

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## **Day by Day in Jewish History**

**by Abraham P. Bloch (1983)**

Some time during the reign of Achaz ben Yotam, king of Yehuda, 3183-3199 - on an 18th of Av, the NER MAARAVI (the western lamp of the Menora) was extinguished. As recorded in Megilat Taanit, a fast was declared on the 18th of Av, to mark that event. Of special significance was the fact that the function of this particular lamp of the Menora was to burn all night and all day and to be used to light the other six lamps. If the western oil lamp had gone out before it was able to light the other oil lamps, then a flame was taken from the Copper Mizbei'ach. The problem is that Achaz had removed the Copper Altar and illegally replaced it with an Assyrian-style altar (as recorded in Melachim Bet 16:10-15). This desecration resulted in no way to rekindle the Menora. Hence, the fast of the 18th of Av. This happened approx 150 years or so before the destruction of the first Beit HaMikdash.

18 Av is the yahrzeit of R' Yaakov Culi, author of the Me'am Lo'ez, 1732 (the same year that George Washington was born).

The liquidation of the ghetto in Bialystok was begun, 1943. It took place over an eight-day period.

The one millionth immigrant, since the establishment of the State of Israel, arrived on 18 Menachem Av, 1961.

19 Av - 200 Jews were killed in the massacre of the population of Beziers France, 1209.

Yahrzeit of R' Yosef Chayim Sonnenfeld, 1932, Rabbinic leader of pre-State Orthodox Jewry.

A systematic Nazi extermination of the Jews of Dvinsk, Latvia, began, 1941.

Bar Ilan University was founded, 1955.

20 Av - The first printed edition of the Zohar was published, 1558. This led to a popularization of the study of mysticism and the establishment of Messianic movements.

21 Av - Yahrzeit of R' Chayim Soloveitchik of Brisk, 1918.

Hitler assumed the powers of Head of State and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, making his dictatorship absolute and complete, 1934.

Twenty-four of the foremost Yiddish writers of Russia were executed by the Soviet government, 1952.

22 Av - Sixteen Jews were burned at an auto-da-fe in Toledo, Spain, 1488.