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1. We all know of Tu B'Shvat but Tu B'Av is virtually unheard of. What is this holiday?



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2. The spies returned with their bad report on Tisha B'Av and the nation cried so G-d decreed then that that generation would die in the desert. Every year on Tisha B'Av, the 60 year olds died, until the fortieth year, on Tu'B'Av when the Jews realized that it stopped.

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3. King Yeravam ben Navat closed all roads leading to Jerusalem to stop people from going, causing many Jews to assimilate. 250 years later, king Hoshea ben Elah reopened them on Tu B'Av.



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4. Tu B'Av was celebrated by the girls dancing and the boys coming to choose their wives. The girls would remind the boys not to look at beauty but to look at lineage.



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5. Rebbe says the Mishna is talking about the marriage between G-d and the Jews, not just between these young people. We lived happily for 1,000 years and then on Tisha B'Av we suffered a divorce, destruction of the Temple.



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6. On Tu B'Av, immediately following that, we tell G-d not to look at our spiritual beauty, which is lacking, but rather at our lineage, our forefathers.

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7. The way we act down here influences how act acts towards us. How we treat our spouses influences how G-d treats us as His wife.



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