

Hayom Yom: 15 Menachem Av, Chamishah-Asar BeAv

אין אומרים תחנון.

Tachanun is omitted on this day.¹

רושם אאמו"ר: מעלת ט"ו באב על כל ט"ו בחדש, שזהו רק השלמות בהגלוי, אבל מכל מקום היא רק בחינת מקבל, אבל בט"ו באב האור בה בקביעות, לפי שהעליה היא לפי ערך עוצם הירידה דתשעה באב... וזהו תשש כחה של חמה. עובדי כוכבים ומזלות מונים לחמה בישא, ובט"ו תשש כו' במכל שכן מזמן הבית שהיו נכנעים לשלמה, כל שכן לעתיד, ונהרו אליו, בבחינת בטול לגמרי, ואת רוח הטומאה אעביר כו', ומעין זה בט"ו באב תשש כו'.

My revered father, the Rebbe [Rashab] once wrote the following² about the superiority of the Fifteenth of Av³ over the fifteenth of other months: Although the fifteenth of any month represents the completeness [of the moon] in a revealed way,⁴ the moon in those months is still only a passive recipient [of light from the sun]. On the Fifteenth of Av, by contrast, its light is more lasting, for its ascent [which is indicated by its waxing] is proportionate to the [preceding] drastic descent of Tishah BeAv[...].

This is the meaning of [the Talmudic statement that from the Fifteenth of Av], “the sun’s power is weakened.”⁵ The “idolaters reckon time according to the sun,”⁶ [which in this context serves as a Kabbalistic allusion to the level of evil personified by the sun⁷], whose power is weakened on the Fifteenth [of Av]. If this applied in the era of the Beis HaMikdash, when [the idolaters] were subservient to King Shlomo,⁸ how much more certainly will it apply to the future generation when “nations will stream” [to the Beis HaMikdash]⁹ in a state of utter self-effacement.¹⁰ For concerning that era there is a Divine promise that “I will banish the spirit of impurity from the world.”¹¹ A foretaste of this occurs on the Fifteenth of Av, when the sun’s power is weakened.
