

Ohev Yisroel Shabbos Chazon

Shabbos Chazon is the loftiest Shabbos of the whole year.

We know that Tisha B'Av is called a Moed, a holy assembly, and the Midrash says there was no Moed like the day the Holy Temple was laid in ruins. How can we understand this?

The Apter Rov in the Ohev Israel offers an explanation. The Talmud obliges a man to remember his wife before he leaves town. Our situation is similar. When Tisha B'Av comes and the Holy Temple is laid waste and the Shechina, the Divine Presence departs, we must remember her and visit before she leaves.

This is Shabbos Chazon, a day of special intimacy with the Divine Presence.