

## Communal Fasting

Ref: *Sefer Zemanim, Hilchot Taanot, Chapter 2*

Cause	Fast	Sound Trumpets	Fast on <i>Shabbat</i>	Explanation
Distress caused by enemies ( <i>sonei yisrael</i> )	✓	✓		I.e. – war • Imposition of unfair tax • Confiscation of land • Restricting our faith
Presence of an army ( <i>cherev</i> )	✓			Seeing signs of war is also stressful
Plague ( <i>dever</i> )	✓	✓		Definition is if 3 people die on 3 consecutive days in a city of 500 males
Wild animal ( <i>chayah raah</i> )	✓	✓		I.e. if animal shows brazenness. In their own territory, they are not usually called brazen
Locusts ( <i>arbeh</i> )	✓	✓		Some species of locusts are more dangerous than others
Different species of locusts ( <i>chasil</i> )	✓	✓		
<i>Shidafon</i> (black blight)	✓	✓		
<i>Yerakon</i> (Yellow blight)	✓	✓		They spread very quickly from field to field
Falling buildings ( <i>mapolet</i> )	✓	✓		Also includes earthquakes and strong winds
Epidemic ( <i>chalayim</i> )	✓	✓		E.g. polio
Loss of sustenance ( <i>mezonot</i> )	✓	✓	✓	E.g. when price of articles upon which trade depends drops substantially i.e. it drops to 60% of its value
Rain ( <i>matar</i> )	✓	✓		This could be also if there is too much rain