

Halachos of the Three weeks

1. It is the custom not to shave or take haircuts
2. One is not allowed to listen to music whether it is live or recorded
3. One should not bring oneself to requirement to say the brocha of shehecheyanu during the "three weeks" therefore one should not buy items which would require the recitation of this blessing. Items of expensive clothing which require alteration may be purchased since the brocha of Shehecheyanu is not recited until they are worn. However they should not be worn for the first time during the "three weeks".
4. Some halachic authorities allow the blessing of shehecheyanu to be recited on Shabbos during the "three weeks"
5. It is permitted to buy new shirts, shoes, pants etc. up until the period of the "nine days" since the brocha of shehecheyanu is not recited on these items.

General Halachos pertaining to the period of the nine days that starts Rosh Chodesh Av, Friday, August 2, 2019

1. One is not allowed to wash or iron clothing during the 9 days even if it is done by a non-Jew.
2. It is forbidden to wear new or freshly laundered garments during the 9 days (except underwear and socks). In case of need one may rely on the opinion that permits changing shirts.
3. If one's clothing becomes soiled and one has no more clean clothing to wear, you may wash during the week preceding Tisha B'Av.
4. It is permitted to wash all children's clothing during the week preceding Tisha B'Av.
5. It is forbidden to purchase any new clothing even underwear and socks during the "9 days" even if you only are going to wear them after Tisha B'Av! if one needs sneakers for Tisha B'av you can buy them during the "9 Days".
6. Linen (Except for a guest) and tablecloths should not be changed during the "9 Days". Freshly laundered tablecloths may be used on Shabbat.
7. One should not buy expensive items like furniture-silver-gold-Jewelry etc. during the "9 days".
8. One should not weave, sew or make alterations on new clothing. Fixing a minor tear or sewing back a button is ok, if needed.
9. One is not allowed to eat meat or chicken during the "9 Days" except for Shabbos or a seudas Mitzvah - Bris Milah - Bar Mitzvah or finishing a tractate of the Talmud etc..
10. It is forbidden to drink wine or Grape Juice during the "9 Days" except Shabbos. However by Havdalah the wine should be given to a child who is older than five but less than 9 years old. If a child is not able to drink it then an adult may drink it himself.
11. It is forbidden to shower or bathe for ones enjoyment or refreshment. Swimming is also not allowed. If one is sweaty it is permitted to take a quick lukewarm shower.
12. A woman preparing for the Mikva may wash with hot water in the usual manner.