

# CHOL HAMOED: SHAVING AND HAIR CUTS

## Shaving/Hair Cuts and Jewish Festivals

You should not shave or cut your hair on chol ha'moed.

**REASON** Chazal made a takana so people would do those types of grooming before each holiday and not wait until chol ha'moed.

## Chol HaMoed: Exceptions for Shaving

It is best not to shave during chol ha'moed. You MAY shave if:

- You normally shave every day, and
- You shaved before the Jewish festival began.

**NOTE** Even if you only shave 2 or 3 times per week instead of every day, it is still considered as if you shave regularly.

**NOTE** You may shave during omer if not shaving might cause you to lose your job or otherwise incur financial loss. A large financial loss is subjective to the individual's actual wealth and also to that person's perception of what is a large loss.