

# Seventeenth of Tamuz to Tish'a B'Av: Three Stages of Mourning

Before Tish'a b'Av we are in a type of mourning so the laws are similar to mourning for a parent.

There are three stages:

**The “Three Weeks”:** The least severe stage starts three weeks preceding the Ninth of Av

**The “Nine Days”:** The next-most severe stage begins on Rosh Chodesh Av.

**“Week” of Tish'a b'Av:** The most severe mourning is during the “week” of Tish'a b'Av (beginning after Shabbat preceding Tish'a b'Av).