SHEHECHEYANU: ACQUISITIONS: WHICH ITEMS

On What To Say SheHecheyanu

Say *she'hecheyanu* on any item that you acquire through any of the following means, as long as the item gives you pleasure:

- Gifts.
- Purchases you made.
- Used items that you acquire.

NOTE If the item would be desirable or a luxury to other people, but it is not to you, or if it only has value to you as a useful item, do not say *she'hecheyanu*.

NOTE From Richard Aiken --I said s*he'hecheyanu* on my scuba diving equipment and on my paragliders, the first time I used them.)

Items on Which Women Say SheHecheyanu

Women say *she'hecheyanu* on:

- Engagement rings but not on wedding rings.
- Valuable candlesticks.

Items on Which Men Say SheHecheyanu

Men say s*he'hecheyanu* on a new *talit*. Do not say s*he'hecheyanu* on *tefilin*.

SheHecheyanu and Attire

The only items of attire that get a *she'hecheyanu* blessing are those that are worn for enjoyment or importance. These are both subjective: If you don't enjoy new clothes, don't say *she'hecheyanu* over them.

NOTE *She'hecheyanu* is not said on shoes.

SheHecheyanu: House or Apartment

Say *she'hecheyanu* on a house, condominium, apartment, or other accommodation that you buy. Don't say *she'hecheyanu* on a house or apartment that you are renting.

NOTE If you are married (or living there with any other family members), say *ha'tov v'ha'meitiv* instead of *she'hecheyanu*.

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