THREE WEEKS: THREE STAGES OF MOURNING

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*).

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