

Halachos of Daily Living

May I Purchase a New Tallis or Pair of Tefillin During the Three Weeks?

The *bracha* of *Shehecheyanu* is

made when one purchases a *talis gadol*, if the *tzitzis* are attached (*Shulchan Aruch OC 22:1* and *Mishna Berura 22:1*), just as *Shehecheyanu* is recited when purchasing new garments. Since *Shehecheyanu* is not recited during the Three Weeks, a new *talis gadol* should not be purchased during this period (*Igros Moshe OC 3:80*). However, one may purchase and wear a new *talis katan* until *Rosh*

Chodesh Av since

most people do not regard this garment as being significant and *Shehecheyanu* is

not recited (*Igros Moshe* *ibid.*). A *talis gadol* may

also be purchased until *Rosh Chodesh Av*, if the *tzitzis* are not attached (*Moadei Yeshurun* p. 129:13(b) and p. 152:34 in the name of Rav Moshe, *zt"l*) because the *talis* is

not yet wearable. One may purchase or wear new *tefillin* during the Three Weeks and Nine Days since it is not a garment like a *talis* and *Shehecheyanu* is

not recited when acquiring new *tefillin* (*Igros Moshe* *ibid.*).