

# 2021 / 5781 Laws of “The 3 Weeks”

According to the Ruling of the Shulhan Aruch,  
Hacham Ovadia Yosef zt”l and Syrian Tradition

	17 of Tamuz-R”H Ab June 27 – July 10	The 9 Days July 11 - 18	Week of 9 of Ab Not applicable this year 2021 / 5781
Swimming (Pool / Beach)	✓	✓	✗
Construction and Renovations	✓	⌚	✗
Nonessential Business	✓	⚠	⚠
Business that may Cause Financial Loss	✓	✓	✓
Shaving & Haircut For Men, Women are always permitted	✓	✓	✗
Cutting Nails	✓	✓	✓
Brushing Hair	✓	✓	✓
Showering with Hot Water	✓	✓	✗
Showering with Cold Water	✓	✓	✓
Washing Face, Hands & Legs With Hot or Cold Water	✓	✓	✓
Laundry and Wearing Freshly Laundered Garments *	✓	✓	✗ *
Buying Shoes & New Garments**	✓	⌚ **	✗ **
Wearing New Garments	⌚ *****	✗	✗
Engagement Party With a Meal	✓	⌚	⌚
Engagement Party Without a Meal	✓	✓	✓
Weddings (Syrian Tradition is Best to Avoid During the 3 Weeks)	✓	✗	✗
Listening to Music (Live / Recorded)***	✗ ***	✗ ***	✗ ***
Singing Without Music	✓	✓	✓
Consume Meat / Poultry or Wine****	✓	✗ ****	✗ ****
Eating New Fruits*****	⌚ *****	⌚ *****	⌚ *****

✓ PERMITTED

✗ NOT PERMITTED

⚠ MORE LENIENT

⌚ POSTPONE

\* IT IS ALLOWED TO DO LAUNDRY FOR CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

\*\* UNLESS IT IS FOR A WEDDING IMMEDIATELY AFTER 9 OF AB OR IF IT IS A GREAT DISCOUNTED PRICE

\*\*\* MUSIC PERMISSIBLE AT A BERIT MILAH, PIDYON HA-BEN, BAR MITZVAH AND SIYUM MASEKHET

\*\*\*\* MEAT IS PERMISSIBLE ON ROSH HODESH, SHABBAT, SE'UDAT MITZVAH, FOR CHILDREN, THE SICK AND NURSING WOMEN  
WINE IS PERMISSIBLE FOR ROSH HODESH, SHABBAT, HABDALAH AND AT A SE'UDAT MITZVAH

\*\*\*\*\* BEST TO AVOID NEW FRUITS OR GARMENTS SO AS NOT TO HAVE TO SAY SHEHE'HEYANU BUT PERMISSIBLE ON SHABBAT IF APPLICABLE