

CHOL HAMOED: SHAVING AND HAIR CUTS

Shaving/Hair Cuts and Jewish Festivals

You should not shave or cut your hair on chol ha'moed.

REASON Chazal made a takana so people would do those types of grooming before each holiday and not wait until chol ha'moed.

Chol HaMoed: Exceptions for Shaving

It is best not to shave during chol ha'moed. You MAY shave if:

- You normally shave every day, and
- You shaved before the Jewish festival began.

NOTE Even if you only shave 2 or 3 times per week instead of every day, it is still considered as if you shave regularly.

NOTE You may shave during omer if not shaving might cause you to lose your job or otherwise incur financial loss. A large financial loss is subjective to the individual's actual wealth and also to that person's perception of what is a large loss.