

INTRODUCTION TO SHEHECHEYANU

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Say she'hecheyanu for:

- Acquisitions,
- Jewish festivals, and
- New fruits.

NOTE You MUST say she'hecheyanu on Jewish festivals; saying she'hecheyanu on acquisitions is subjective and is only required if you enjoy the possession and it is new (for you) and valuable.

HaTov V'HaMeitiv or SheHecheyanu

Say ha'tov v'ha'meitiv instead of she'hecheyanu when two or more people benefit from or enjoy something.

EXAMPLES

- If your wife or husband will enjoy and use the new item too.
- When wine is already on the table and a second bottle of wine that is as good as, or better than, the first bottle is brought to the table (and more than one person will drink that second bottle of wine).

NOTE When two or more people are eating a new fruit that is in season, each person says the blessings al pri ha'eitz and then she'hechaynu (and not ha'tov v'hameitiv).